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Kettle surprise

Salvation Army receives unique contribution

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The Good Book says "Ask and ye shall receive," and the Salvation Army of Southwest Madison County was on the receiving end Friday.

An unknown donor put a \$50 gold piece in one of the group's kettles in Edwardsville.

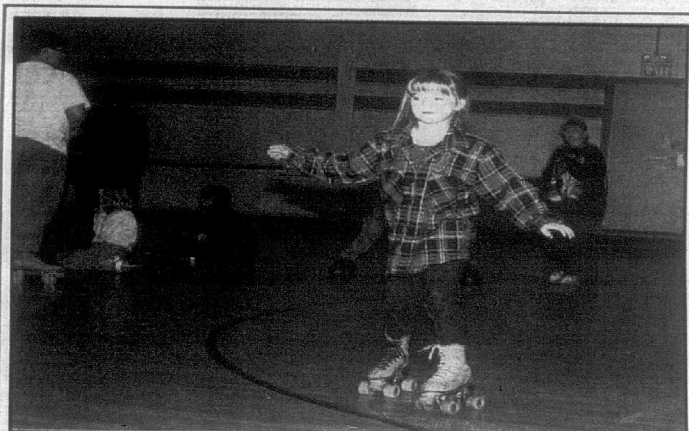
Because of bad weather and delays in getting kettles to some locations, the group was about \$10,000 behind in fund raising last week.

This year, the Salvation Army has set a goal of \$250,000, which will help fund its year-long operation in Granite City, Edwardsville, Collinsville and Highland areas.

Capt. Martin Colip said the coin, an American Eagle 1994 \$50 gold piece, was found wrapped in a \$10 bill in a kettle at the Edwardsville Walmart.

Colip said his secretary discovered the gift while counting

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Staff photo by JOHN FRESE

Steady as she goes

Heather Brake, 5, cautiously makes her way across the floor at Tri-City Skateway after taking a spill during the free skate night hosted by the West Granite Neighborhood Watch program.

Checkpoint nets over 50 violators

Skoklo: Operation successful

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

For drivers without a proper license or insurance, the stretch of Highway 203 from Interstate 55/70 to Bend Road was not a good place to be Friday evening.

Eleven officers — six from the Illinois State Police Special Enforcement Team and five from the Madison Police Department — conducted a four-hour drivers' license/insurance checkpoint, issuing 56 citations or arrests.

Cutting the north-bound highway to one lane, the officers braved cold temperatures and erratic drivers while making several hundred stops. Most drivers were quickly sent on their way.

Madison police issued the following citations: 14 uninsured motor vehicle, two suspended registration, three no valid drivers license, one expired registration, three driving while suspended, two no city sticker, one driving while revoked and two for failure to appear on charges of driving under the influence.

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State troopers issued the following citations: one driving under the influence, three warrant arrests, six seat-belt violations, and 18 other traffic citations.

Police also said about a half-dozen cars were towed after the occupants were taken into custody.

"I think it was pretty successful," said Madison Police Chief Steve Skoklo. "We made 56 arrests in four hours, one DUI was taken off the road and 14 uninsured drivers."

The checkpoint had been planned for several weeks.

"We had voiced an interest in doing a roadside check," Skoklo said.

The officers started checking cars at about 9:30 p.m.

One of the first stops was a sport-utility vehicle with four male subjects. Officers pulled the vehicle over and made the occupants come out after smelling what appeared to be marijuana. An ISP dog detected

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Journals' parent firm acquires Ladue News

TRENTON, N.J. — Journal Register Company (NYSE:JRC) announced Monday that it has acquired Ladue News, a 44 times-per-year newspaper serving the affluent suburbs west of St. Louis, from Charlene Bry.

Bry will continue as publisher of Ladue News.

The acquisition follows two recently announced acquisition agreements. The company announced Nov. 17 an agreement to acquire the InterCounty Newspaper Group, Mt. Laurel, N.J., which includes 17 weekly newspapers in suburban Philadelphia; Bucks County, Pa., and central and southern New Jersey.

On Nov. 19, Journal Register Company announced the signing of a letter of intent with HVM, L.L.C., New Milford, Conn., to acquire its group of



eight weekly newspapers, two shoppers and three monthly magazines.

Ladue News had revenues for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 1997 of approximately \$1.2 million.

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First Night set for '97's last day

Tradition readies for sixth year

It all began in 1978 when a few couples sat around a dinner table and brainstormed a new, different type of New Year's Eve ritual — a family friendly and alcohol-free grand festival celebrating arts and creativity, encouraging participation.

They called it First Night.

In St. Louis, the initial First Night celebration was Dec. 31, 1981 at Grand Center in the Midtown area of St. Louis. The response from the broad artistic community and a large audience of festival-goers from 40 different ZIP codes was an indication that the first First Night would not be the last.

The sixth edition of First Night, which will take place on the last day of this year, will be focused around America's Center and the newly-opened City Museum in downtown St. Louis. Hundreds of local artists, dancers, musicians, storytellers and other zany performers will provide an eclectic mix of entertainment for New Year's Eve revelers.

The sixth edition of First Night, which will take place on the last day of this year, will be focused around America's Center and the newly-opened City Museum in downtown St. Louis.

The evening will be highlighted by a laser show at America's Center at midnight.

Even the poster designed for First Night is an artistic endeavor. The 1997 poster captured first place among 176 cities that have similar New Year's Eve celebrations. The 1998 First Night poster was designed by Shawn Cornell of Paradowski Graphic Design.

The 1998 poster designs are available for purchase. They are signed and numbered and are priced at \$10. The award-winning 1997 poster also is available for \$10.

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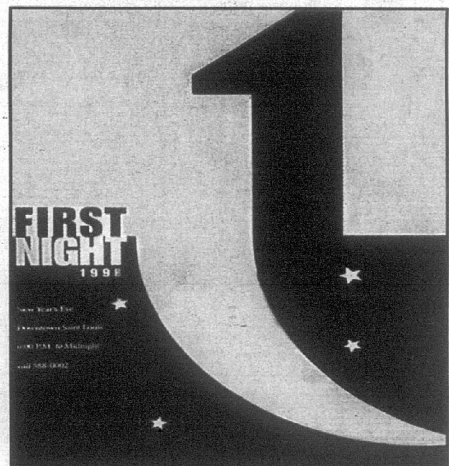
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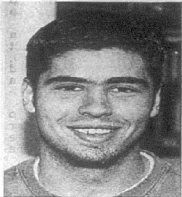
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What do you do on Christmas and who do you? spend the holidays with?



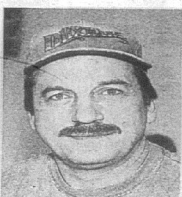
"I spend Christmas with family, friends and a case of my favorite brew."

Jim Stephens, 20
USMC recruit
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"With my family, we enjoy our visit together. We have dinner, then we visit with some friends."

Susan Neal, 35
accountant
Pontoon Beach



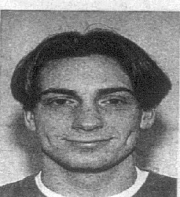
"I spend it with my family. We around the house and eat. We play games in the evening."

Kenny Lynch, 41
steelworker
Pontoon Beach



"I spend Christmas with my mom, dad, brothers and my family. We usually get together at one of our houses to open gifts and eat too much!"

Lisa Ely, 36
Mitchell School volunteer
Mitchell



"I spend the Christmas holiday with my family at my grandmother's house in the morning and at my in-laws' in the evening. We spend our time watching old videos, talking about the past and, of course, opening gifts."

Randy Rushing, 23
insider
Pontoon Beach

Photos by Shirley Valencia
Interviews by Shirley Valencia
Interviewed at Pontoon Beach Community Center

MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following marriage licenses recently were issued through the office of Madison County Clerk Mark Von Nida:

Everett Lee Bohnenstiel of St. Jacob and Pamela Louise Kihafner of Troy.

Scott Allen Brett and Laura Michelle Lakowski, both of Edwardsville.

Jason Gregory Bruno of Roxana and Rebecca Ruth Meyer of Troy.

Jerry Lynn Champion and Shannon Delynn Smith of Madison.

Robert R. Cox and Mary A. Pinerio, both of Granite City.

Gary Lee Dale Davis and Lori Melissa Truetzschler, both of Moro.

Christopher Michael Derleth and Jamie Victoria Mudd, both of Granite City.

Steven Estes Dickey of Granite City and Stephanie Ann Peyer of Maryville.

Milton Lee Dixon and Cynthia Yolanda Gardner, both of Madison.

Robert Neal French and Melissa Ann Glynn, both of Caseyville.

Warren John Geldbach of Staunton and Ella Mae Louise Spitz of Edwardsville.

Lindell Monroe Hilling of Troy and Debra Lynn Nickerson of Highland.

Alvin Maurice Jackson and Yolanda Deshun Russell, both of Madison.

Joseph Wayne Mahoney of Natick, Mass. and Victoria Ann Schallert of Granite City.

John Marion Mielke and Kathryn Marie Frew, both of Granite City.

Rudolph David Muzzarelli and Bethany Celeste Schubert, both of Granite City.

Michael Shane Parker and Heather Lynn Doyle, both of Edwardsville.

Brian David Powell and Autumn Ruth Byrd, both of Granite City.

Kenneth Lee Pratt, Sr. of Granite City and Carol Lee Pratt of Alto.

Gerald Edward Shafer and Alice Ernestine Oxford, both of Granite City.

Erik David Simpson of Maryville and Marcie Elaine Jacobs of Glen Carbon.

Billy Reid Stracener of Millington, Tenn. and Lorraine Catherine Lukas of Collinsville.

Travis Justin Wilson of Troy and Meredith Alise Hampsey of Fairmont City.

BIRTHS

Brandi Vaughn
AMANDA VAUGHN of Granite City has announced the birth of her second child, a girl.

Brandi Maxine was born at 8:41 a.m. Oct. 31, 1997, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. She weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces, and joins Dalene, 2½.

Maternal grandparents are Rhonda and Charles Vaughn of Granite City.

William Talbott
RUSS and BONNIE TALBOTT of Troy have announced the birth of their third child, a boy.

William Edward was born at 9:32 a.m. Sept. 21, 1997, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. He weighed 5 pounds, 12 ounces, and joins Ashlunn Talbot, 5, and a half-brother, Russell Niell Talbot of O'Fallon.

Maternal grandparents are Edward and Carol Maedje of Troy. Paternal grandparents are Kay Talbot of Caseyville and William Russell Talbot of Collinsville.

Julian DeBoe
MESHA R. DEBOE of Madison has announced the birth of a boy.

Julian Eric-Michael was born at 5:46 p.m. Nov. 6, 1997, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. He weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

Maternal grandparent is Anna A. DeBoe of Madison.

Ivory Ware
CASONJA MCLELLAN and WESLEY WARE JR. of Madison have announced the birth of their fifth child, a boy.

Ivory Bernell was born at 10:40 a.m. Nov. 1, 1997, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. He weighed 5 pounds, 14 ounces, and joins Jre, 14, Jamiel, 13, Rachel, 10, and Wesley, 8.

Paternal grandparents are Verline Ware and Wesley Ware Sr.

Darin KuKarola
JAMES and ANGELA KUKAROLA of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a boy.

Darin James was born at 9:06 p.m. Nov. 13, 1997, at Anderson Hospital. He weighed 9 pounds, 8½ ounces, and joins Brandon, 2½.

Maternal grandparents are Bonnerdale, Ark. Paternal grandparents are George and Helen KuKarola of Granite City.

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The new store is called The Unique Boutique because of its unique features. The revenue received from the items donated by the community will be recycled back into our communities through a concept called work donation. An individual who is experiencing a financial crisis can work off past due rent, mortgages, doctor bills, utilities, etc. A Hand Up, Inc. is partnering with other agencies to provide a free on-site job development training to individuals that will enable them to use their work experience on resumes. Some of the job development aids will be cashing, telephone etiquette, inventory management, retail experience, etc.

The Unique Boutique will be accepting donations starting the week of December 8, 1997. We need donations of good used clothing, shoes, furniture, toys, dishes, etc. You can drop off your donations from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. If you need for someone to pick up your donations please call 667-1241 or after 12/11/97 you can call 344-3404 (store number).

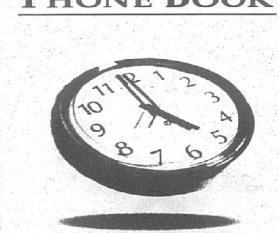
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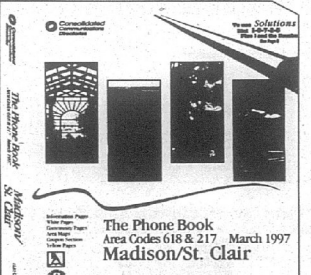


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Police watching for road rage

By Steve Whitworth
Telegraph staff writer

The Illinois State Police has begun a new operation to combat aggressive drivers in the Metro East area.

A team of state troopers currently is patrolling Metro East highways in an effort to identify and cite motorists who violate traffic laws by their aggressive driving.

Targeted behavior includes inordinate speed on heavily traveled highways, erratic and improper lane usage and following too closely. State troopers also are on the lookout for alcohol- and drug-impaired motorists. The use of seat belts is being encouraged as a part of the program.

Officers assigned to the detail are writing citations instead of warnings for the offenses, said Maj. Lonnie Inlow, commander of the State Police's District 11, headquartered in Collinsville.

The detail is the "primary objective" of troopers assigned to it, said Sgt. Troy Lewis of District 11. He said the detail primarily is operating from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, but will work periodically at all times on all days

of the week.

"We'll try to cover both rush hours," Lewis said. "If we get more data, we might develop problem times or locations to target."

The operation's focus is on interstate highways in District 11, including Interstates 55-70, 64 and 270, Lewis said. He said the effort will concentrate on highways between the Mississippi River and Highway 4.

The initiative is expected to run for about six months, after which officials will evaluate the results and decide if the program should continue.

"We know there's a lot more cars out there," Lewis said. "Some of the drivers seem to be more impatient now and not as courteous as they used to be. We seem to get a lot more reports about reckless driving on the interstate. We're going to try to address those concerns for the public."

The officers use a variety of vehicles — including marked vehicles, unmarked squad cars and covert units — in order to identify and arrest violators. The officers always are in full uniform, and the vehicles are equipped with police lights for the detail.



SIUE photo by BILL BRINSON

Acclaimed reading tutors

President Ted Sanders of Southern Illinois University (seated) and David Werner (behind Sanders), chancellor of SIU-Edwardsville, discuss tutoring experiences with volunteers in the "American Reads Challenge" program launched by President Clinton and the U.S. Department of Education. The students are (seated) Quintina Williams

and Cymica Grant, both of East St. Louis; and Stephanie Brown of St. Louis. Standing is Chad Alexander of Granite City. Nearly 50 students at the Carbondale and Edwardsville campuses have volunteers to help pre-kindergarten and elementary students read well and independently.

Holiday precautions can keep kids safe

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

Twinkling lights, flickering candles, bright red poinsettias, a deep green tree covered with ornaments and a healthy pile of toys are all regular parts of most Christmas celebrations.

However, these same items that symbolize holiday cheer can also result in serious injury — even death — unless proper precautions are taken.

That's something Jean Barnard, coordinator of the Madison County SAFE KIDS program, wants to make sure everyone understands. The local chapter is part of a national organization, the only one dedicated to the prevention of unintentional childhood injury, the number one killer of children 14 and younger.

"There are so many of these items that seem like just com-

"That's where most of the problems with toys come in; a younger child got a hold of something given to a brother or sister."

Jean Barnard
Madison County SAFE KIDS coordinator

mon sense things but the fact is that they happen," Barnard said. "We all have moments, especially during the holidays, where our attention is diverted from something that can result in an accident."

"This is particularly true where children are concerned."

"Toys are a common culprit. When you're buying for older siblings, you've got to think about the younger sib-

lings, too," Barnard said. "That's where most of the problems with toys come in; a younger child got a hold of something given to a brother or sister."

In general, toys safe for younger children have smooth, round edges, are large enough to prevent swallowing and are made of materials that do not crack or shatter easily.

Other tips for buying toys for very young children include:

- No exposed pins, wires or nails.
- No detachable parts that could lodge in the child's windpipe, ears or nostrils.
- No pieces that can be

thrown or shot at another person.

Christmas trees and their decorations are another source of injury for children and adults alike. House fires resulting from them are common.

According to the Illinois State Fire Marshal's office, fires caused by holiday decorations in 1996 resulted in nearly \$500,000 in property damage.

Some ways to avoid these incidents are:

- Use only flame-retardant or non-combustible decorations.
- Keep candles away from other decorations or other flammable materials.
- Don't overload electrical outlets.
- Keep gifts away from lighting.
- Do not use indoor lights outdoors. All outdoor lights should be weather-proofed.
- On average, more than one-third of U.S. home fire deaths occur during those months. Many of them are linked to heat sources such as furnaces, fireplaces and space heaters.

Moss seeks office

Businesswoman runs for clerk

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

Nancy Moss always had political aspirations.

Last week the 51-year-old Collinsville resident acted on them for the first time, announcing her candidacy for Madison County clerk on the Republican ticket. Moss, who has worked on several campaigns for others, said she was encouraged by many members of the Republican party to seek the post.

"I always thought I would run for office," Moss said Wednesday. "This just turned out to be the right time."

Moss said she recently sold her partial interest in a small business, freeing up some of her time. She said her corporate background is among her strongest capabilities.

Moss, who is single, is a Collinsville High School graduate and a lifetime Madison County resident.

She was part of the management team that founded the Shop 'n Save grocery chain in 1979. She served as its vice president of human resources, corporate secretary and as a member of the Board of Directors through 1990.

"Coming out of a corporate setting, I'm very sensitive to costs," Moss said. "Coming out of a retail setting, I'm also real sensitive to customer service and in seeing that people get what they need."

As administrator of the Alpha and Omega Christian



Nancy Moss

Fellowship in State Park Place, Moss has seen the needs of many area residents, some of whom rely on the church's food pantry.

"I know there are a lot of people struggling to make ends meet," Moss said.

"That's more reason than any to make the most out of every tax dollar."

Maximizing technology and improving election procedures are among Moss' goals.

"If the office is made more efficient, it will be a more pleasant environment for both the general public and the employees," she said.

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Thomas Sensabaugh
THOMAS SENSABAUGH, 67, of Granite City, died at 6:15 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15, 1987, at his home. Arrangements are pending at Mercer Funeral Home in Granite City.

Oliver Blaney

OLIVER ARTHUR BLANEY, 81, of Granite City, died at 3:47 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, 1987, at his home. He was born March 7, 1916, in East St. Louis to Arel and Anna (Cox) Morrow. Survivors include a brother, Jimmy Blaney of Minnesota and a niece, Sandra Hargrove of Granite City. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Maxine (Cocker) Blaney whom he married April 1, 1939, and one brother, Robert. His remains were cremated.

Mark Mathews

MARK ELLIS MATHEWS, 83, of Granite City, died at 11:40 a.m. Dec. 14, 1987, at Colonades Nursing Home in Granite City.

Mr. Mathews was born Oct. 19, 1904, in Pearl, Ill., to Mark and Ella (Daniel) Mathews. Employed by Granite City Steel, he retired in 1970. He was a member of the Dewey Avenue Methodist Church in Granite City, the Masonic Lodge 877 in Granite City and the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners. Survivors include one daughter, Barbara Gagich of Granite City; three sisters, Alta Turner of Ridgecrest, Calif.; Dorothea Jones and Opal Landman, both of Granite City.

six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Thelma Louise (Settle) Mathews; one son, Richard Mathews; one brother, Earl Mathews; and three sisters, Irene Haug, Marcelene Dawdy and Golda Boyle.

Services were Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road in Granite City, with the Rev. Shane Smith officiating. Burial followed at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Edwardsville.

Memorials may be made to the Hospice of Madison County the American Cancer Society.

Mildred Walker

MILDRED WALKER, 74, of Granite City, died at 1:18 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, 1987, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. She was born July 31, 1923 in St. Louis. Mrs. Walker was a homemaker, and of the Protestant faith. She was a member of the Moose Lodge 272; Navy Mothers Club 650; Eastern Star 650; Granite City Chapter; Eagles 1126 of Granite City; and American Legion Post 307 in Granite City.

Survivors include her son, Charles E. Nicholls of Granite City; three daughters, Mildred Buskirk of Glen Carbon, Sharon Matt of Cahokia and Carolina Goodman of Granite City; three brothers, Melvin Hubert of Piedmont, Mo.; Robert Hubert of Granite City; and Arthur Lindhorst of Madison; two sisters, Doris Martin and Shirley Heath, both of Granite City; 17 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Stacy Walker; her parents, Charles Balser and Elsie Mae Taylor; two children, Owen Hogan and Verna Mae Nicholls; three brothers, Bill Shaw, Leroy Williams and George Hubert; and one sister, Ardella Darr. Visitation for family is from 3 to

8 p.m. today, Thursday, Dec. 11, and visitation for friends is from 4 to 8 p.m. today, at Mercer Mortuary, 1416 Niedringhaus Ave. in Granite City. Services are 10 a.m. Friday with the Rev. Jeff Brady of New Testament Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hills in Edwardsville.

Memorials may be made to the Diabetes Association.

Bernice Starks

BERNICE STARKS, 87, of Granite City, died Saturday, Dec. 13, 1987, at Caseyville Nursing Home. She was born Nov. 22, 1910, in Hillsboro, Tenn.

Mrs. Starks retired after being a nurse for 30 years at Robert Hargrove Associates.

Survivors include five sons, Wesley Starks of Granite City, Harold Starks of Shreveport, La., Richard Starks of St. Charles, Mo., Edward Starks of Highland and James Starks; three daughters, Carol Peebles of Hillsboro, Mo., Frances Guess of Camden, Mo., and one sister, Frances Tarwater of Chattanooga, Tenn.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Starks Sr.; two children, Howard and Virginia Starks; and her parents, Andrew and Alma (Taylor) Bingham.

Services were Tuesday, Dec. 16, at Mount Hope Cemetery in Bolivar with the Rev. Patsy Roberts officiating.

Elizabeth Arnold

ELIZABETH A. ARNOLD, 46, of Granite City, died at 2:45 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, 1987, at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. She was born Feb. 13, 1951, in Camden, Tenn.

Mrs. Arnold was a cake decorator at The Cake Bakery in Madison for 24 years. She was a member of the Hillcrest United Pentecostal Church in Bolivar.

Survivors include her parents, William (Holland) and George Arnold Sr. of Granite City; five brothers, George Jr., Sam and Bruce all of Granite City, Jerry of St. Louis and Gary of Belleville; and a sister, Karen Schur of Belleville.

Visitation will be today, Wednesday, at McRae's Chapel in Big Sandy, Tenn. Graveside services also will be today with the Rev. Clara Russell officiating.

Local arrangements were handled by Werner Chapel.

Edward DeMann

EDWARD EARL DEMANN, 56, of Staunton, died at 10:42 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, 1987, at Memorial Hospital in Staunton.

He was born Sept. 19, 1941 in Jackson County.

He was an Army veteran from 1959-62. Mr. DeMann was a previous Granite City resident and worked for 14 years as a die technician for the Spectrulum Corporation.

In 1970 he married Sandra Wardford who survives him. Other survivors include a son, Robert DeMann of Atlanta, Ga.; two daughters, Lisa DeMann of Gillespie and Jennifer DeMann of Staunton; two brothers, James DeMann of Charleston, Mo., and Bailey Phelps of Payton, Colo.; three sisters, Patricia Jackson of Utah, Margaret Sexton of San Diego and Sharon Ricker of Jacksonville, Fla.; two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Velma (Childers) DeMann.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at the First Baptist Church, 2205 Pontoon Road in Granite City.

Luella Merchut

LUELLA "LOU" (BRAUN) MERCHUT, 76, of Belleville, formerly of Collinsville, died Friday, Dec. 12, 1987, at Castle Haven Care Center in Swansea. She was born Oct. 14,

1921, in Red Bud.

Mrs. Merchut was employed for 19 years at Illinois Men's Club in East St. Louis and was a member of Christ the King Church in Collinsville.

Survivors include two daughters, Barbara Skalsky of Granite City and Joan Barton of Rolling Meadows; three brothers, Fred Braun of Belleville, John Braun of Fairview Heights and Frank Braun of Cahokia; two sisters, Lucille Cory and Fern Eisele, both of Belleville; and four grandchildren, Paul and Tracy Barton, both of California, and Bradley and Amy Skalsky, both of Granite City.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Merchut; her parents, George and Bertha (Dohn) Braun; her brother, Robert Braun; and her sister, Alberta Braun.

Visitation will be from 4:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, at Braun Colonial Funeral Home in Cahokia.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 19, with the Rev. John Myler officiating. Burial will be in Valhalla Cemetery in Belleville.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

William Henry

WILLIAM E. (ELDEN) HENRY, 75, of Highland died at 4:05 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, 1987, at his residence. He was born Jan. 31, 1922, in Arthur, Ind.

Mr. Henry retired after 26 years from the U.S. Army as a sergeant where he taught and served as principal.

Survivors include five daughters, Aretha H. Harper of Dodge City, Kan., Jeanna A. McPherson of Highland, Kristie L. Gray of Granite City, Delbert J. Henry of Collinsville and Billie G. Henry-Wagner of Evansville, Ind.; a sister, Isabel TeVaut of Evansville, Ind.; 13 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ted and Faye Welton Lee.

parents, Virgil M. Henry and Naomi (Evans) Henry; and a daughter, Virginia Hilmer.

Services were Monday, Dec. 15, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland. Burial was in Oakhill Cemetery in Winslow, Ind.

Memorials may be made to the Jennie Latzer Kaiser Children's Library c/o Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home, P.O. Box 187, Highland.

Allen Dale Lee

ALLEN DALE LEE, 43, of Granite City, died Saturday, Dec. 13, 1987, at Staunton Community Hospital. He was born Jan. 17, 1954, in Granite City.

Mr. Lee was leader of the Stillwater Band. He was a maintenance employee for 13 years with the Granite City Park District.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda (Astorian) Lee; three sons, Timothy, Bryan and James Lee, all of Granite City; two daughters, Heather and Jessica Lee, both of Granite City; five brothers, Bob Lee of Pontoon Beach, Donnie Lee of Jerseyville, Harold Lee of Mount Olive, Eddie Lee of Mitchell and David Lee of Smithton; six sisters, Karen Newingham of Seattle, Wash., Betty Daniels of Worden, Judy Bettorf of Glen Carbon, Mary Ann of Belvidere, Mo., Kathy Merz of Pontoon Beach and Doris Burton of Granite City; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ted and Faye Welton Lee; one sister, Bonnie Blankenship; and brothers, Kenny, Paul, Teddy and John Lee.

Services were Tuesday, Dec. 16, at Werner Chapel with the Rev. Gus Falter officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Pontoon Beach Lions Club.



Staff photo by SCOTT COUSINS

Madison police Lt. Steve Shelby talks with an unidentified motorist during Friday's roadside checkpoint.

Police

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 ted the odor of drugs, but a search turned up nothing. They were then sent on their way. "The occupants were smoking what appeared to be marijuana, but we couldn't locate it," Skokko said. He said they probably saw the police in time to toss the drugs out the window. An Edwardsville man, Marvin E. Denton of the 200 block of Edwardsville Estates, was arrested after admitting to police that his license was suspended.

A record check revealed that it had actually been revoked, and that Denton had two outstanding warrants for failure to appear on charges of driving under the influence.

In addition to the outstanding warrants, he was charged with operating an uninsured motor vehicle and driving while revoked.

The SET team was started in November as a special detail to provide assistance to local departments, said Lt. Bill Reckman, patrol commander with the ISP in Collinsville.

ISP Master Sgt. Mark Koelker was in charge of the SET detail that night.

Asked about the Madison chief and he thought this would be a good location," Koelker said. "It's pretty secure and it's fairly well traveled."

"Naturally, we try to get to best location that we can, both for the officer's safety and for the most traffic."

Skokko said no other checkpoints were planned right now, but he hoped to do more in the future.

Fishers gear up for show

By Scott Kelly
 Staff writer

Here's a tip to shake off the winter blahs — go fish. The Let's Go Fishing Show, Jan. 2-4 at Gateway Convention Center in Collinsville, features almost exclusively Illinois dealers of fishing tackle, accessories and fishing boats.

Resorts, destinations and organizations representing fishing activities and interests are also among the exhibitors. "We needed something to start off the season that was different than the St. Louis Boat Show," said Terry McCormick of Narnco's V.I. Marine in Granite City, the dealer that originated the fishing show.

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cabin fever for the past three or four months," McCormick said. "It's jump-starts the selling season for '88 models."

The show gives fishers and interested parties a sneak-peek at all the new products and lines they otherwise might not see until the spring, he said.

The show has increased in size since it began, he said, and now rivals the annual show in St. Louis. The difference is that "Let's Go Fishing" caters mainly to fishers. All dealers and exhibitors, outside of a select few, are from Illinois.

"It's (almost as) popular for the fishing market as the St. Louis show," he said. Lena Downing of the Boat Place, 215 Centerville Ave. in Belleville, said they were one of the first exhibitors.

"There are a lot of seminars and activities for people," she said, explaining part of why the Boat Place participates.

As an added attraction, in celebration of the show's 5th year, the Boat Place is giving away a Lowe Aluminum Delta motor, a Johnson outboard, a Motorguide 750 Trolling Motor with "gator" mount from Tri-State Trolling Motors of Hazelwood, Mo. (see related story.)

One of the highlights of the show is the appearance of the 1997 BASS Angler of the Year, Davy Hite.

Hite out-fished the other top-ranked, world-class pros on the Bassmaster Top 100 circuit throughout the seven-event season in a variety of waters and environmental conditions. Through it all he never dropped below sixth place in the overall rankings in the

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Essay winners announced

Winners of the high school essay, poetry and visual arts contests held in conjunction with the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville were announced. The winners will receive recognition and awards at the celebration luncheon Jan. 22 in the University Center.

The winners are:

Essay — Jessica E. Vick of Swansea, a junior at Althoff

Night

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 Admission to all of the First Night activities is \$5. Organizers are selling buttons that resemble the 1988 poster. The button allows admittance to all First Night attractions.

To purchase a button, a poster or to obtain more information about First Night, call (314) 588-0002.

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Catholic High School in Belleville.

Poetry — Natalie E. Bellm of Belleville, a senior at Althoff Catholic High School, who is the poetry winner for the second consecutive year.

Visual Arts — Joanne C. Koopman of Fenton, Mo., a senior at Lutheran South High School.

Each winner will receive a \$100 cash award and a plaque

of recognition. Scholarship and humanitarian award winners also will be recognized during the program, which begins with a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. in Meridian Hall. A reception for the honorees will follow in Goshen Lounge.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$8 for students and \$10 for general admission. Reservations are being accepted at the Kimmel Leadership Center; call 692-2660.

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Staff photo by JOHN FRESSE
Capt. Martin Colip studies the \$50 gold piece.

Coin

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money, and brought it to him. He said the coin was wrapped in the bill, which was taped shut.

"We were hoping it wasn't a bomb, but if it was we would have all gone up together," he said.

Colip said he called a coin dealer, who told him the coin was worth at least \$285, the price of one ounce of gold.

Colip added gold coins and other similar items occasionally show up in their kettles. So far this year, he said they have also received a gold ring.

"I don't know if someone was angry with their girlfriend or it just fell off," he said.

In addition to bell ringing, Colip said the food and toy drives were still under way. Distribution is scheduled for Dec. 18, and they were still looking for volunteers. For information on volunteering or donating, call Colip at 451-7957.

Fishing show schedule

The 5th annual Let's Go Fishing Show is Jan. 2-4 at the Gateway Convention Center in Collinsville.

Tickets are \$4 at the door for adults. \$1 discount coupons are available in advance at participating dealers. For the first time, children 12 and under will be admitted free.

Show times are 4 to 9 p.m.

Jan. 2: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Jan. 3: and 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Jan. 4.

The schedule of appearances/seminars is as follows:

* Dec. 2 — Mike Roux, 6:30 p.m.; David Fritts, 8 p.m.
* Dec. 3 — Bill Seibel and Tony Albright, 11 a.m.; Cottonmouth Lures Team, 12:30 p.m.; Rick Clunn, 2 p.m.; Steve

Browning, 3:30 p.m.; Tim Renken, 5 p.m.; Hank Reifeis, 6:30 p.m.; Harold Allen, 8 p.m.
* Dec. 4 — Timm Huffman, 12:30 p.m.; Harold Allen, 2 p.m.; Davy Hite, 3:30 p.m.
On Jan. 3 only, the first 1,000 persons through the door will receive a free copy of the Outdoor Guide, which gives fishing and hunting information.

Show

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lures they would like to sell. A strong lineup of seminars and personalities is planned. Featured are some of the top names in tournament fishing. In addition to the pros, several seminars are offered by regional experts and guides on fishing techniques and favorite fishing places.

Clark Boat and Motors sponsors the appearance of BASS and Ranger Boats pro, David Fritts, on Dec. 2. Mike Roux, sponsored by the Outdoor Guide, will talk about spring fishing on Mark Twain Lake.

Pro anglers at the show Dec. 3 include Rick Clunn, four-time BASS Masters Classic Champion, sponsored by The Fishin' Hole and Tracker Boats. Making his first appearance at the show is emerging star Steve Browning, whose seminars are sponsored by Carlson Tackle Co. Rounding out the Dec. 3 pro lineup is longtime favorite Harold Allen, sponsored by Mariner Boats and Nameoki Marine.

Seminars include KMOX-AM (1120) Bill Seibel and Tony Albright "Talkin' Fishin'"; the Cottonmouth Lures Team dis-

cusses crappie fishing in Southern Illinois; Tim Renken, outdoor writer for a major daily newspaper, with "Fast Action on Pan Fish" and Hank Reifeis of the Smallmouth Alliance will be giving tips on fly fishing for smallmouth bass.

The show's highlight will be the appearance of the 1997 BASS Angler of the Year, Davy Hite, sponsored by S and S Marine and Javeline Boats, on Dec. 4. Seminars include "Winning Crappie Secrets" from outdoor writer Time Huffman, and seminars by pro anglers Hite and Harold Allen.

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Fishing

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race that pro fishers say is one of the toughest tests in competitive fishing.

Some of the exhibitors include Cope Marine of

O'Fallon, B & L Boat Covers of Granite City, Bill's Bait and Crayfish of Edwardsville and Mike's Prop Repair of Collinsville.

Ken Cope of Cope Marine,

1725 W. Highway 50 in O'Fallon, will be exhibiting two types of aluminum boats and two types of fiberglass boats.

"It's the first show of the year to get people fired up about fishing," he said. "For this time of year it gives you the opportunity to get out," McCormick said. "And you don't have to be a fisherman to come."



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Emergency room at Anderson opens doors

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

The doors to Anderson Hospital's expanded emergency department are open.

Monday was the first day of operation in the new 6,300-square-foot expansion. The addition is one part of a \$1.7 million project at the Maryville hospital.

An open house Saturday gave visitors a peek at some of the new features that include:

- Seven urgent care treatment rooms
- An isolation room
- A waiting area that will seat 50
- A family services room
- An expanded registration area

There also are separate entrances for ambulatory and ambulance patients, televisions in each treatment room and a children's area in the waiting room.

While those are major changes for the 20-year-old hospital, even more of them are on the way. The second phase of the project, which will renovate 5,200-square-feet of existing space, began Monday.

The renovation, which is to be completed in April, will revamp five treatment rooms, add an orthopedic treatment room, a radiographic room for exclusive use of the emergency department, a conference room and a physician's work area.

Getting items to the lab will

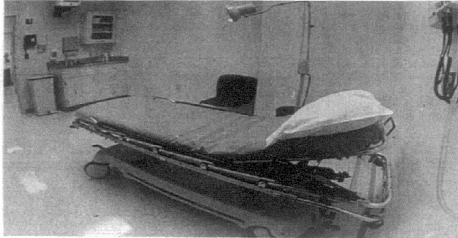


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One of seven urgent care treatment rooms added in the expansion.

Once the renovation is complete, the hospital will be ready to start its "Glennon Care for Kids" program.

take less time thanks to a pneumatic tube system that will move samples quickly from "Point A" to "Point B."

Once the renovation is complete, the hospital will be ready to start its "Glennon Care for Kids" program. Through an agreement with Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital in St. Louis, that program will allow Anderson Hos-

pital to have a pediatrician on duty in the emergency room after regular hours and on weekends.

"Glennon Care for Kids is the embodiment of how to treat children," said Doug Ries, president of Cardinal Glennon. "It starts with the understanding that children are not small adults."



Pie in your face

The Prather PTA recently held a contest to see which class could sell the most PTA memberships. The winning class was Mrs. Jones' second grade class. The four individual top sellers, pictured above, were Colin Testerman, Tia Yurcism, Leanna Accardi and Charles Myint. The top sellers were chosen to throw pies at Principal Norbert Tate and Assistant Principal Jim Parker, shown below; and other teachers who volunteered. The PTA publicity chairman, and organizer of the event, was Peggy Smith.



Teachers explore computer system

By Alene Hill
Staff writer

With a new up-to-date computer system in place, some Collinsville High School teachers are now looking for ways to use the technology effectively in the classroom.

"I know how to help students use it (the system) for research and for writing and I know there has to be a lot more out there..." said Cindy Hollinshead, an English teacher at CHS. "I'd like to be able to use it to the greatest advantage."

Through an innovative partnership program between Collinsville High School and Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, several Unit 10 high school teachers will be going back to class to learn methods of integrating technology in school curriculum.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for the high school teachers," said Susan Homes, director of technology for the district. "There's a lot of

enthusiasm and interest. We've already had several teachers apply for the program."

Homes said the program, funded through the Technology Literacy Challenge Grant the district received earlier this year, eventually will be offered to Unit 10 junior highs and elementary school teachers.

Dr. David Winnett, a professor of education at SIUE, is one of a group of professors from several disciplines to be presenting information to

around 30 high school teachers in 15 sessions beginning in January.

SIUE professors involved in the project include Virginia Bryan, Randall Smith, Wayne Nelson, Steve Crooks, James Andris, and William Weller.

The professors, from a variety of departments, have what Winnett calls "the common thread of wanting to promote the appropriate use of technology in education."



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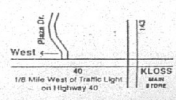
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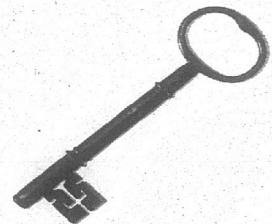
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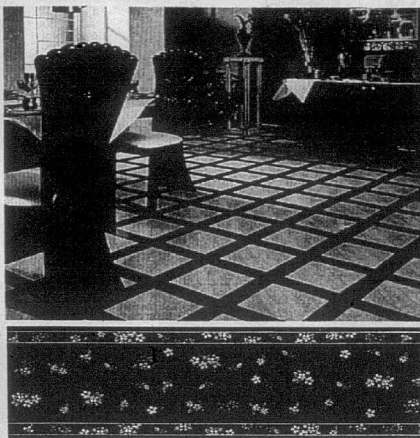
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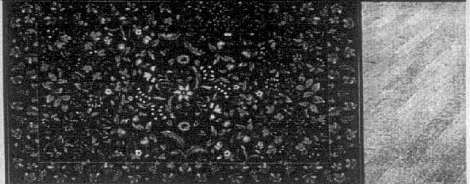


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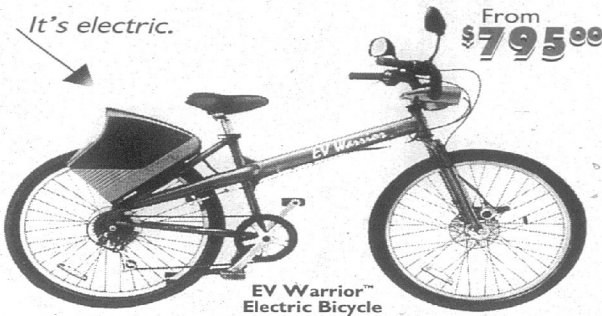
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Midwives operate in Metro East

Special to the Journal

Referred to in Genesis, the first book of the Bible, midwifery has been around as long as women have been having babies.

Now, two certified nurse midwives have begun practice at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City, the only Illinois hospital currently allowing midwives to deliver babies in the Metro East.

"Midwifery is really a philosophy of caring for women," said Karen Baum, a certified nurse midwife. Baum is a registered nurse with a master's degree who recently completed the post-masters' certified nurse-midwife program through the University of Illinois at Chicago.

"This philosophy advocates the right of every woman to be more in control of the birth of her child," she said. "It promotes healthy lifestyle, the return to a more natural birth process, communication and education."

Cathy Combs, is also a registered nurse with a master's degree in nursing who completed the same certified nurse-midwife program.

"Nurse midwives operate independently with their patients, but work in consultation with and under the direction of a physician," Combs said.

"A doctor can't spend lots of time with each patient," she said. "My visits, lasting sometimes as long as an hour, thoroughly address individual concerns and needs. And I want to be there throughout the entire labor as well as delivery."

Midwifery flourished in England, arrived in North America with the colonists of the New World, spread across



Cathy Combs, left, and Karen Baum

Nurse-midwife fast facts

- Certified nurse-midwives:
 - Provide prenatal visits including lab work, ultrasound and antenatal testing.
 - Provide extensive individualized education.
 - Assist patients with their labor and birth and perform necessary perineal/vaginal repair.
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 - Provide post-partum visits.
- The supervising physician is always available to assist with unusual or complicated pregnancies.

America with the wagon train, but then nearly dropped out of sight in the early 1900s. The status of midwives was low. They had no access to continuing medical education and were shunned and replaced by male physicians.

Not until the early 1970s did midwifery become acceptable once again. As baby boomers had their own babies, organized OB/GYN physicians officially accepted the practice, in part to accommodate the increased number of child-bearing women and compensate for a shortage of obstetricians.

Baum and Combs work as a team, even though they serve in different places. Baum cares for low-income mothers who receive subsidized health care services through St. Elizabeth's Koch Family Health Center, 2100 Madison Ave. in Granite City. Combs cares for patients through the Women's Crisis Center of Metro East Ltd. at 2044 Madison Ave. in Granite City and the Edwardsville Health Center, 1121 University Drive in Edwardsville, an OB/GYN practice.

Both work under the direction of Gerald Malnar at the Women's center.

Medicaid patients have two more options

By Jason White
Staff writer

A new healthcare plan is offering additional benefits for Medicaid patients in St. Clair and Madison counties.

On Dec. 2, Community Health Choice opened shop at the administrative office of the Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation in East St. Louis.

In September, St. Mary's Hospital in East St. Louis announced the start-up of Neighborhood Care Plan, which provides health insurance for St. Clair County Medicaid

recipients.

The plans are two of seven managed-care contracts awarded by the Illinois Department of Public Aid Feb. 4. Community Health Choice has been providing services since February in the Chicago area, which has 190,000 people on Medicaid.

The plans have similar goals — to keep healthcare services in the community, to keep people healthy before expensive hospital costs are incurred and to offer expanded services.

"Our whole motivation is to make sure we continue our mission," said Bob Klutts, the chief executive officer of Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation, a non-profit organization founded in 1984 to provide healthcare in East St. Louis and surrounding communities.

Community Health Choice is a joint venture between a network of federally-qualified health centers throughout Illinois and St. Louis-based Cen-

tene Corp, which has managed Medicaid programs in Wisconsin and Indiana for 14 years. SIHF is a part owner and founding member of the plan.

"We got together as a group and said: What can we do to protect our community," Klutts said.

Sandra Tunis, vice-president of governmental affairs for Centene Corp., emphasized the local aspect of the plan.

"We believe it is imperative that our members have access in the community rather than having to travel," she said.

Features of the plan include:

- All Medicaid services plus vision and dental benefits for patients over 21 and programs for children;
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HEALTH NEWS

State OKs \$12 million grant for Alton Mental Health Center

By Becky Vollmer

Telegraph staff writer
The Illinois Legislature has voted to approve a long-awaited, \$12 million grant that would add jobs and beds at the Forensics Services Complex at Alton Mental Health Center.

The money would be used to build two new wings onto the facility's forensics unit, allowing it to nearly double the number of patients it houses.

The forensics unit treats people accused of committing crimes but who have not been convicted either by reason of

insanity or because they have been deemed unfit to stand trial.

"This is a great success for not only the Alton Mental Health Center, but also for the city of Alton," said state Rep. Steve Davis, D-Bethalto, who pushed for the legislation that passed on Dec. 2. "This new funding is an investment in the community."

The addition would create about 160 new jobs and add an estimated \$10 million to the center's annual budget, said Karl Kruckeberg, the facility's

director.

"One hundred-and-sixty more jobs is a lot of new jobs for the area," he said.

The facility's forensics unit, one of four in the state, currently treats 88 patients and has a 110-bed capacity. The planned addition is expected to raise those figures to 176 patients and a 198-bed capacity.

"With the number of these patients growing at nearly 12 percent per year in Illinois, these two new wings will certainly be necessary," Davis

said.

The proposal to expand initially was included in Gov. Jim Edgar's budget, unveiled in the spring, but had not made it

through the General Assembly until Tuesday's rare special session, which was called by the governor to deal with education funding reform.

What passed through both chambers during the special session now moves to Edgar's desk, where it is expected to be signed into law.

Red Cross classes offered in January

The St. Louis Bi-State Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer the following first aid and CPR classes during January at the American Red Cross office, 10218 Lincoln Trail, Fairview Heights:

Community CPR — Saturday, Jan. 10 from 8:30 to 4 p.m.; Tuesday, Jan. 20 from 6 to 10 p.m.; and Wednesday, Jan. 21 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for part II.

Adult CPR — Saturday, Jan. 10 from 8:30 to 12:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Jan. 20 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.; and Saturday, Jan. 31 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

First Aid — Thursday, Jan. 22 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; and Saturday, Jan. 31 from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

Standard First Aid with CPR — Tuesday, Jan. 20 from 6 to 10 p.m.; and part II on Thursday, Jan. 22 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for part II; and

Saturday, Jan. 31 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Community CPR provides information on how to assist adult, infant and child victims of choking, cardiac arrest and respiratory emergencies. The Community CPR certificate is good for one year. Cost for the six and one-half hour class is \$35.

Adult CPR is a four-hour course providing instruction in proper first-aid skills for adult victims of cardiac arrest, choking and respiratory emergencies. The cost is \$25. Those completing the class will receive an American Red Cross Adult CPR certificate good for one year.

First Aid teaches participants how to treat bleeding, burns, shock and poisoning, along with injuries to bones, muscles and joints and other injuries. The two-and-one-half

hour course costs \$16; participants receive a Standard First Aid certificate from the Red Cross good for three years. A current Adult CPR card is a prerequisite for first aid.

Standard First Aid with CPR trains individuals to overcome reluctance to act in emergency situations and how to care for life-threatening emergencies, such as respiratory or cardiac problems, sudden illness and other emergency situations including bleeding, burns, shock, poisoning, injuries to bones, muscles and joints. Cost is \$41; participants receive a First Aid certificate, valid for three years and an Adult CPR Certificate, valid for one year.

Registration deadline is one week prior to the class date. For information on classes or to register, call the American Red Cross at (618) 397-4600.

Gift to department should save lives

By Glen Sparks
Staff writer

A recent tragedy in south St. Louis once again illustrated the importance of working smoke detector alarms in homes.

One man died and another suffered serious injuries in a Dec. 10 blaze at a home at 3226 Liberty Ave. in the Dutchman neighborhood.

The smoke detector inside the second-floor apartment did not have a working battery, fire officials said.

"It's obvious this could have been prevented had the smoke detector been working," said Capt. Duane Greer of the St. Louis Fire Department.

The fire department has distributed and installed smoke detectors in the homes of needy St. Louisans for years, Greer said. He said the department relies on companies and residents to donate the detectors.

"Until just a couple of days ago, though, we haven't been getting many donated this year," he said.

On Dec. 9, Graybar Electric Co. in Clayton gave 2,000 smoke detectors to the fire department.

"They're the real heroes," Greer said. "They're going to save a number of lives."

Mike Fowler, district sales manager for Graybar, a company that distributes smoke detectors, said he heard on a television news program that the fire department needed the devices.

"I contacted some other people in the company, and we worked it out so that we could do this," Fowler said. "The need seemed to fit the business that we're in."

Since the fire department's smoke detector program began in the mid-1960s, Greer said, fire deaths in St. Louis have been cut in half.

City ordinances require smoke detectors in every residential building, Greer said. Unfortunately, this ordinance often is either ignored or the detectors are not working properly, he said.

During a recent fire department canvass of one South Side neighborhood, Greer said, almost every house had at least one detector. Only about 40 percent were in working order, though.

"That's absolutely tragic," Greer said.

Often, young persons who

move away from home forget to buy detectors, Greer said.

"I think smoke detectors would make a wonderful Christmas gift from parents," he said.

Detectors should go just outside the bedroom on either a wall or ceiling, Greer said. Avoid putting them in corner spaces, though, he said.

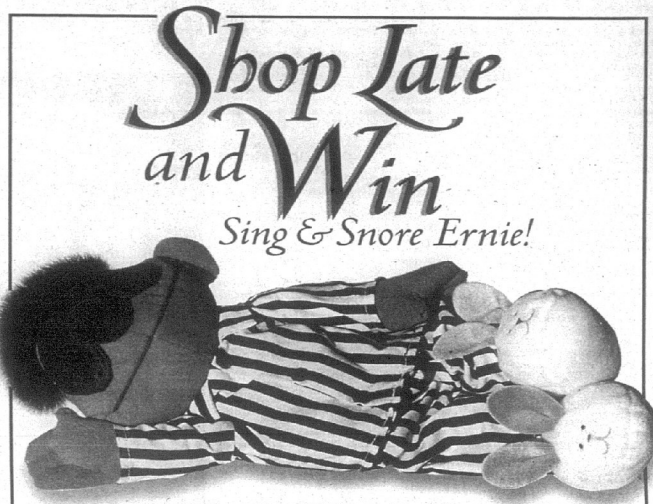
"That's a dead area," Greer said. "It takes longer for smoke to get there."

The fire department suggests that residents change the batteries in their smoke detectors twice a year. It's also a good idea to test the units, Greer said. He said the fire department could also use more detectors.

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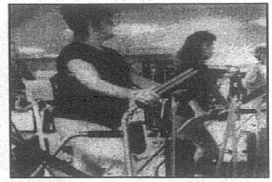
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SCHOOL NEWS

Spelling bee winners announced Officials hope rates bring students in

The Granite City School District #9 Elementary Spelling Bee, under the direction of Debra Garland, principal of Worthen Elementary, was held Dec. 6 at Collidge Middle School.

Students qualified for the event by winning at the building level in their respective grade levels. District winners and runners-up were named in the event for third, fourth, fifth and sixth divisions. District winners and runners-up are as follows:

Third grade — Michelle Hagopian, winner (Frohardt); and Luke Lancaster, runner-up (Niedringhaus).

Fourth grade — Corinna Lasier, winner (Niedringhaus); and Emily Settlemoir, runner-up (Frohardt).

Fifth grade — Lindsay Siebert, winner (Niedringhaus); and Lyndsi Meyenburg, runner-up (Worthen).

Sixth grade — Brett LaPeire, winner (Maryville); and Hannah Sparks, runner-up (Frohardt).

Other students participating in the event and the schools they represented were:

THIRD GRADE
Frohardt — Michelle Hagopian, winner; Erica McPherson, runner-up.

Maryville — Samantha DePew, winner; Paige Maynard, runner-up.

Marshall — Dustin Cook, winner; Jayson Thompson, runner-up.

Mitchell — Kyla Nighohosian, winner; Alyssa Waggener, runner-up.

Niedringhaus — Luke Lancaster, winner; Matt Schooley, runner-up.

Prather — Toni Thrasher, winner; Kandis Buckingham, runner-up.

Wilson — Justin Beyer, winner; Douglas Smith, runner-up.

Worthen — Evan Willmore, winner; Michelle Clement, runner-up.

FOURTH GRADE
Frohardt — Emily Settlemoir, winner; Kael Little, runner-up.

Lake — Nicholas Broyles, winner; Stephanie Trunnell, runner-up.

Maryville — Dan McBride, winner; Laura Brown, runner-up.

Marshall — Andrea Young, winner; Jeremy Briggs, runner-up.

Mitchell — Alexandra Robertson, winner; Jordan Murphy, runner-up.

Niedringhaus — Corinna Lasier, winner; Rachel White, runner-up.

Prather — Johnna Baker, winner; Chris Green, runner-up.

Wilson — Heather Mayer, winner; Lauren Taylor, runner-up.

Worthen — Desi Jeliazkova, winner; Rebexxa Gesand, runner-up.

FIFTH GRADE
Frohardt — Monica Mathis, winner; Bryan Fulton, runner-up.

Lake — Kenneth Boone, winner; Natalie Wilson, runner-up.

Maryville — Sara Robinson, winner; Danielle Fuhrman, runner-up.

Marshall — Lacey Gamblin, winner; Tammy Brewner, runner-up.

Mitchell — Sherrie Dennis, winner; Keith Perigo, runner-up.

Niedringhaus — Lindsay Siebert, winner; Lindsy Boyer, runner-up.

Prather — Dean Roseman, winner; Brandon Isaak, runner-up.

Wilson — Amanda Poyner, winner; Terra Cappel, runner-up.

Worthen — Lyndsi Meyenburg, winner; Adam Stockman, runner-up.

SIXTH GRADE
Frohardt — Hannah Sparks, winner; Whitney Ruebhausen, runner-up.

Lake — James Gerber, winner; Megan Foote, runner-up.

Maryville — Brett LaPeire, winner; Holly Odom, runner-up.

Marshall — Issac Rose, winner; Jessica Yaeger, runner-up.

Mitchell — Ian Hartzel, winner; Carrie Taylor, runner-up.

Niedringhaus — Zachary Weidner, winner; Jake Taylor, runner-up.

Prather — Josh Schneiderman, winner; Cherie Cook, runner-up.

Wilson — Brittney Vaughn, winner; Ashlee Schenke, runner-up.

Worthen — Natalie Koehler, winner; Robyn Baker, runner-up.

Classroom teachers and elementary principals helped organize and run the spelling bee. Each division has a division chairperson, a word pronouncer and two judges. Those helping this year were:

Ron Stern, administrative assistant, elementary education; Clabbe Briggs, Maryville principal; Virgil Kambarian, Marshall principal; Jim Greenwald, Collidge Middle assistant principal; Norbert Tate, Prather principal; James Parker, Prather assistant principal; Nancy Sanders, Lake

principal; Becky Cooper, Marshall teacher; Kathy Lymberopoulos, Maryville teacher; Mary Morgan, Worthen teacher; Darla Galbreath, Lake teacher; Lois Kambarian, Wilson teacher; Barbara Varadian, Worthen teacher; Mary Ann Stuart, Mitchell teacher; Judy Lubak, Prather teacher; and Ed Whittleman, High School teacher.

Officials at Southern Illinois University hope lower tuition rates will entice students from out of state and other counties. University trustees were to meet last Thursday in Carbondale to discuss a tuition decrease for out-of-state residents from three times the in-state rate to twice the in-state rate. The board is expected to vote on the change at its February meeting.

The new rates would go into effect in fall 1999 except for transfers from SIU's Nakajima, Japan, campus. Those students would see the cheaper tuition rate next fall if the trustees approve the reduction.

At a press conference Monday at SIUE, university President Ted Sanders said students from outside Illinois had been paying three times the tuition rate to cover instructional costs. However, with international student enrollment declining — particularly at the Carbondale campus — the resulting loss of tuition by the university would be offset by the stronger enrollment figures.

In Edwardsville, Chancellor David Werner said retaining enrollment of international students was not as critical as at SIUC, but it is important to attract more foreign undergraduates so American students can be exposed to them.

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Admission is \$10. Food and

music by "Wizard" will be provided. Doors open at 7 p.m. For more information, call 876-9156.

District #9 principals hold panel

Three principals representing Granite City School District #9 presented a "Share the Success Panel" at the IASB, IASA, IASBO Joint Annual Conference Nov. 21-23 in Chicago.

Cynthia Mills from Frohardt Elementary, Rick Talley from Coolidge Middle and Bill Roter from the high school attended with moderator Eldin Rea, board of education secretary.

In their "Student Incentives: Mad Money" panel discussion, they described the accrued benefits to students, staff and community.

They described how when board of education members consider giving principals discretionary funds to address problems at the building level, students and staff perform better, the community becomes involved and a sense of well-being reflects well on school board members.

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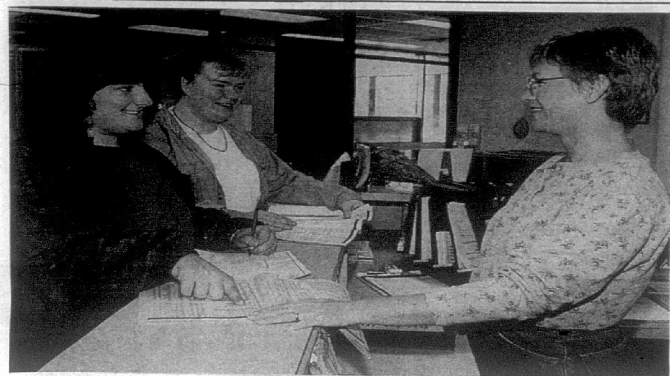
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Sping sign-up

Lori Pascoe, left, and Heather Walker, both of Granite City, register for spring classes at Belleville Area College's Granite City Campus with the help of student worker Nancy Mathenia, right, of Granite City. Spring semester classes begin Jan. 17.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

MELANIE K. GENSERT of Granite City had a role in the Geneva Shants Production Nov. 15 in Indianapolis.

She appeared in the skit, "A Stroll Down Memory Lane," presented by Schwitzer Hall and Tau Kappa Epsilon at Butler University.

Gensert is a freshman at Butler University majoring in pharmacology. She is the daughter of Dave and Mary Ann Gensert of Granite City.

Since her entry into Butler in the fall, Gensert has become president of the pledge class of Phi Delta Chi Pharmacy Fraternity. She is a member of the Living Learning Center in which she is a unit representative, and a Eucharistic minister at the Newman Center.

She also joined the Bulldogs, a group that does volunteer group in Indianapolis, and is also a member of the yearbook staff.

The 1998 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities will include the names of 20 students from Indiana's Oak-

land City University who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders, including TERRY PRATHER of Granite City.

Prather, a resident assistant in Jordan Hall, has been on the OCU Dean's List and is a member of Sigma Kappa Sigma. He is also a member of the Accounting Club and Student Christian Association.

Through tutoring, he has helped students with accounting. He is involved in intramural sports as well. A member of the Christian music ministry "Anchored Soul," Prather has also been a church usher, a church van driver and youth group president for two years.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual

directory have included the names of the students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

RICHARD K. KISMER II, a senior at Chaminade High School, recently was selected as a member of the National Honor Society based on scholarship, leadership, service and character.

Since enrolling his freshman year, Kismer has been a consistent member of the special Honor's program and Chaminade's junior varsity and varsity ice hockey team.

His parents are Martha and Dick Kismer of Granite city.

Kiwanis members light up the night

By Glen Sparks
Staff writer

During the summer, the 25 Kiwanis Clubs throughout the St. Louis area decided to join forces.

"We wanted to do some things together that a single just couldn't do by itself," says Arnold Zimmerman, a Sunset Hills resident and president of the recently created Gateway Region Kiwanis Foundation, consisting of about 1,000 Kiwanis members in Missouri and Illinois.

The Kiwanis Fantasy of Lights at Tower Grove Park is the foundation's first project. And it's a big one. Trees, fountains, buildings and statues are shining with more than 500,000 lights.

About 400 cars are coming through the display every night, Zimmerman says. Fantasy of Lights is getting more and more popular as Christmas approaches.

"Definitely," Zimmerman says. "This past Saturday was more popular than the previous Saturday. I'm sure this past Sunday was more popular than the previous one."

The Fantasy of Lights opened Nov. 30. It continues through Dec. 28. Hours are 6 to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$5 per car or van and \$1 per person for groups of 10 or more.

Zimmerman said a Kiwanis member contacted Greg Gelzins about setting up a light display. Gelzins is a consultant for several area holiday light shows.

Officials from Tower Grove Park also encouraged the Kiwanis to set up the display. "It all sort of came together," Zimmerman says. "The

people at Tower Grove Park were really enthusiastic about it."

"The park lends itself to this type of display, and the people there said they had wanted to do something like this for a long time."

Kiwanis members began setting up the display in October, Zimmerman says. It took about a month to hang up all the lights, put up the wreaths, decorate the buildings and transform the park into a shining holiday show.

During the show, a different Kiwanis group helps each night. Members arrive about an hour before the show begins and leave about an hour afterward.

Kiwanis members help with traffic, assist visitors and flip the light switches on and off.

"That's a job in and of itself," Zimmerman says. "Everything's been going well, though. We haven't had a problem with traffic. It's been kind of cold a few times, but we just build a fire."

It takes about 30 minutes to drive through the display, Zimmerman says. Eighty percent of the proceeds from Fantasy of Lights go to the Kiwanis Foundation. The rest goes to Tower Grove Park.

Kiwanis Clubs' charitable efforts focus on children. One project is Camp Wyman for disadvantaged youth. Kiwanis Clubs also do charitable work that benefits senior citizens.

Zimmerman is a charter member of the Crestwood-Sunset Hill Kiwanis. He is past governor of the Missouri-Arkansas district.

"You need a lot of good people in this, and you work together," Zimmerman says. "This is good group to hang around."

Companies watch Kyoto meetings

By Kimberly Haas
Staff writer

Proposals to cut fossil fuel emissions could have significant effects on local power companies.

The Kyoto Protocol is headed for its formal final approval after 11 days of negotiating at a conference in Kyoto, Japan. Negotiations ended Dec. 11. The proposal must also be passed by the U.S. Senate.

The proposal calls for cutting back on fuel emissions, with the U.S. reducing greenhouse emissions by 7 percent below the 1990 levels.

Those nations signing the treaty will have a year to ratify it, beginning in March. Reductions would be achieved between the years 2008 and 2012 with more cuts occurring afterward.

With the proposal, the European Union would reduce emissions by 8 percent and Japan by 6 percent, with 21 other industrial countries also involved.

The Kyoto Protocol does not tell governments how to

reduce emissions, but steps could include converting coal-fired power plants to natural gas or even cutting subsidies which keep fossil fuel prices low.

Currently, Union Electric has nine total plants, with five coal-fired.

By burning fossil fuels, including coal and oil, gases are produced and accumulate in the earth's atmosphere, trapping infrared radiation from the earth.

In addition, power bills could go up an estimated 85 percent nationally with potential changes, Gallagher said.

Mike Monahan, spokesperson for Illinois Power, said it's difficult to know the exact effects of the Kyoto Protocol until the U.S. passes the treaty.

However, he said Illinois Power believes three items need to be addressed, including the involvement of all nations, some flexibility in complying with the Protocol, and all sources of greenhouse gases share in the reductions, including industry, transportation, and consumers.

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NEWS

Company

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\$2.2 million. The acquisition is expected to be accretive within the first year of ownership. Terms of the deal were not announced.

The announcement was made by Journal Register Company Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer Robert M. Jelenic.

"We are extremely pleased to be acquiring Ladue News, one of the premier newspapers in greater St. Louis," Jelenic said. "We are looking forward to working with Charlene and her talented staff to continue to expand and grow this very successful franchise."

"I have truly enjoyed developing Ladue News, which was founded by my son, Richman Bry Jr., into the voice of St. Louis society, as well as mid to upscale residents, and now I am happy that Ladue News will become part of Journal Register Company," Bry said. "Journal Register Company produces quality newspapers and has a strong commitment to customer service. I am certain our readers and advertisers will continue to receive the quality and service they expect, and I am excited about the opportunities for growth that are ahead."

In St. Louis, Journal Register Company owns the *Suburban Journals*, which comprise the largest group of weekly newspapers in the U.S., based on the *Suburban Journals'* total distribution of 1.6 million. The

"Journal Register Company produces quality newspapers and has a strong commitment to customer service. I am certain our readers and advertisers will continue to receive the quality and service they expect, and I am excited about the opportunities for growth that are ahead."

Charlene Bry
publisher

Suburban Journals are an award-winning group of 40 community newspapers that are distributed two to three times each week in St. Louis suburban areas, including communities in Illinois. Journal Register Company also owns *The Telegraph*, an award-winning daily newspaper, in nearby Alton, Ill.

Ladue News has circulation of 40,000, reaching more than 200,000 residents in the affluent communities west of St. Louis, and features coverage of society, fashion, entertainment, dining, distinctive properties and gardening. Also included in the acquisition are *Direct Decor*, a biannual magazine covering home decor; and *Gentlemen's Club*, a recently launched, monthly men's style magazine, both of which are distributed to readers of *Ladue News*; and *Performance Notes*, a playbill for St. Louis-area,

not-for-profit performing arts organizations.

Journal Register Company Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Jean B. Clifton said, "We have tremendous respect for Charlene Bry and the success she has had in developing such a high-quality, high-demographic newspaper. *Ladue News* is a wonderful complement to our St. Louis *Suburban Journals* and *The Telegraph*."

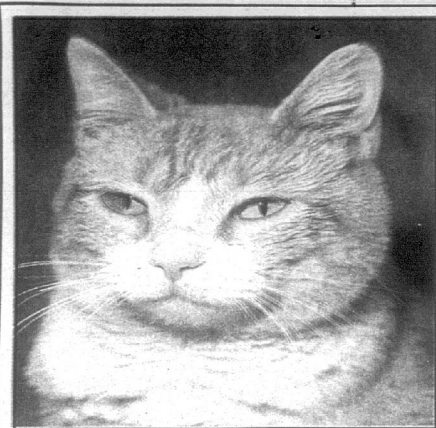
Journal Register Company is a leading U.S. newspaper publishing company that owns 18 daily newspapers and 120 non-daily publications. Journal Register Company has total paid daily circulation of approximately 532,000 and, including *Ladue News* and following completion of the Inter-County Newspapers and HVM, L.L.C. acquisitions, will have more than 150 non-daily publications with total distribution

of approximately three million. The company's operations are strategically clustered in five geographic areas: Connecticut, Ohio, Philadelphia and its surrounding areas, the greater St. Louis area, and central New England.

Journal Register Company newspapers are characterized by an intense focus on coverage of local news and sports. Journal Register Company common shares began trading on the New York Stock Exchange in an initial public offering May 8, 1987, under the symbol JRC.

Among the Company's principal newspaper properties are the *New Haven Register*, Connecticut's second largest daily and Sunday newspaper with 100,275 daily and 112,269 Sunday circulation, and *The News-Herald*, Lake County, Ohio, with 50,444 daily and 63,226 Sunday circulation.

The majority of Journal Register Company daily newspapers have been published for more than 100 years and are established franchises with strong identities in the communities they serve. The *New Haven Register*, established in 1912, has roots in the New Haven community dating to 1755. The *Times Herald*, Norristown, Pa., established in 1799, is the 12th oldest continuously published newspaper in the U.S. The *News-Herald*, Lake County, Ohio, was established in 1878; the *Daily Local News*, West Chester, Pa.



Staff photo by JOHN SWISTAK JR.

Pet of the week

A 1-year-old female, Tippi is recovering from an incident in which someone slit her throat. The Animal Rescue and Relief Foundation paid for her medical treatment. To adopt Tippi, call ARRF at 624-1223. Donations for her medical bill can be sent to ARRF of Southwest Illinois, P.O. Box 397, Caseyville 62232.

Coalition to combat fatalities

By Linda Weller
Telegraph staff writer

The Madison County Traffic Safety Coalition will spearhead a three-pronged effort in the coming months to stem fatalities on county roads.

Kickoff for organizing the coalition was Friday in Collinsville.

Julie Elmendorf, coordinator of the coalition, said 60 were to attend the organizational meeting by invitation, including mayors, township supervisors, educators, clergy, and representatives from law enforcement, the county Health Department and hospitals.

At Friday's organizational meeting, Elmendorf said she will divide the county into quadrants, with representatives of each area grouped together.

"The groups will decide their top issues, and what they see as their major traffic safety problems. Then they will develop an action plan," she said.

Elmendorf, who was head of the defunct Madison County DUI Task Force, said dividing the territory into fourths allows groups to address problems unique to their areas "because they are so different."

"The eastern part of the county is more rural. The more urban areas such as Alton and Godfrey are going to have different problems, although the two might have some common problems."

Elmendorf said drinking and driving is a countywide problem, but in rural areas a common hazard is teenagers on "joy rides," speeding along country roads.

The groups also will push use of seatbelts, she said.

The coalition is working with some of a \$64,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation.

In the summer, Elmendorf's crews used part of the grant money to conduct surveys to see how many people were wearing seat belts in locations throughout Madison County.

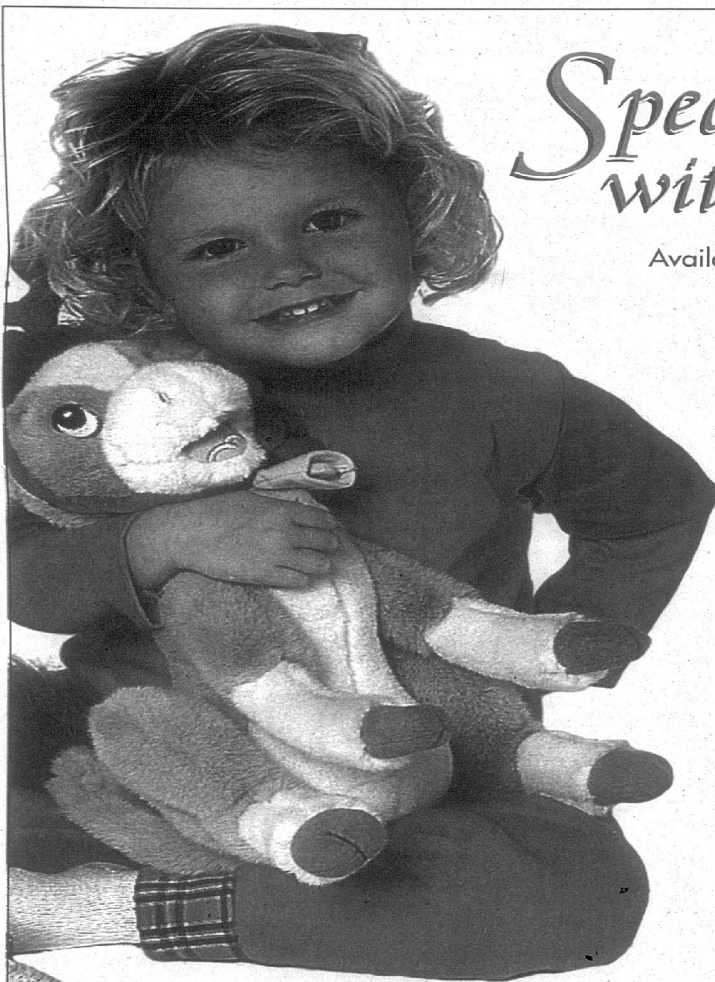
A second effort by the coalition will start tomorrow, when youth volunteers meet to organize the Madison County Youth Task Force.

The task force is geared toward students age 20 and younger. Volunteer forms were distributed in drivers education classes this fall.

Elmendorf said some of the task force members will participate in the coalition's third safety effort, the Madison County Youth Forum.

The open forum will be Feb. 17 at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. Discussion will center on drinking by young people who have graduated from high school age and are about to enter college or who have just started college.

At last year's forum, students suggested using Breathalizers at high school proms to curb teen drinking, and consequently the devices were used at several dances.



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Section B

Art
Voellinger

Blaha's big night leads to chase of scoring marks

When Ryan Blaha, the 6-foot-1 senior guard of the Althoff High School boys basketball team, opened in 1997-98 season with a 43-point outburst in a 72-71 victory against Mascoutah, he sent me to research.

The 43 was shy of the Althoff school record of 45, set by Matt Fitzsimmons in December of '92 against Alton; and one less than the 44 of Dave Gifford in '68 against Alton Marquette.

Yet, as much as 43 seems in a 35-minute game, consider other highs of Belleville basketball: At West (formerly Belleville Township), Jim Hascall, 49 vs. Cahokia in the 1955-56 season; Joe Polich, 42 vs. Western Military of Alton in '53-54; Sean Keefe, 42 vs. Cahokia in '92-93; and Jerry Russell, 41 vs. Bethalto, '56-57. At East, Bob Haida, 42 vs. Herrin in the 1979 Carbondale Tournament and Clint Sitzes, 41 in Dec. of '95 at Carbondale, when he was credited with 52 after the game but had his total reduced due to a scorer's error. Only a replay of the game's video tape corrected the matter.

Finding such made me appreciate the scoring efforts of players recognized by the Illinois High School Association. My searching is related to southwestern Illinois.

The local area list leads with the 70 points of Glen Graf of Dupu vs. Waterloo in February of 1950; followed by Dave Luechtefeld, 64 points, of Oakville vs. Vergennes in February, 1957; Francis Coffey, 63 points, St. Paul of Highland vs. Bunker Hill, January, 1958; Craig Manwaring, 58 points, Highland vs. St. Paul, February, 1967; and Darryl Winston, 58 points, Lovejoy vs. Jefferson City, Lincoln, January, 1973.

The 50-point list includes Tom Parker, Collinsville vs. Alton, Dec., 1967; Dave Luechtefeld, vs. St. Jacob in 1958; Mike Chambliss, St. Henry Prep of Belleville vs. Breesee, 1969; Dave Diecker, Marissa vs. Coulterville in 1970; and Kris Jenner, Mascoutah vs. O'Fallon in 1979.

Amazingly, most of the leading scorers did not have benefit of a 3-point shooting line (appreciate the eight 3's by Ted Dupuy of Florida Cape Coral Mariner as part of his 46 points in the St. Louis Shootout).

Meanwhile, Blaha's total included 4 of 6 from three-point range.

"He did everything you have to do to have that kind of game," Althoff coach Dave Deets said of Blaha. "He hit a high percentage of his shots and when he drove, they kept fouling."

Blaha was eight of 12 in two-point attempts and proved his coach accurate with 15 of 20 from the free-throw line.

Overtime

Hidden in a recent Florissant Valley 95-81 junior college men's victory against Lewis and Clark was the play of sophomore guard Ryan Cherepak, whose eight assists were much less significant than the fact that the Roxana High graduate had been cut by Lewis and Clark a year ago.

"After we won, Ryan was really excited," said Flo Valley Coach Larry Graham, who like Cherepak resides in Edwardsville. "He played a marvelous floor game."

(See VOELLINGER, Page 2B)

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

Deja vu. After scoring a dominant 5-0 win against Alton in Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association action last Saturday, the Granite City (Ill.) Warriors traveled to Cahokia on Wednesday and blanked the Comanches by the same 5-0 score. The Warriors now stand 4-0-1 on the year.

For all practical purposes, the game was over after one period. Less than five minutes into the game, Granite's Jared Brown took command of the puck at center ice, broke in alone on goal and sent a slap shot from the blue line past Cahokia goalkeeper Eric Kharibian for a 1-0 Warriors lead.

Warriors blank Comanches

Five early goals sink Cahokia

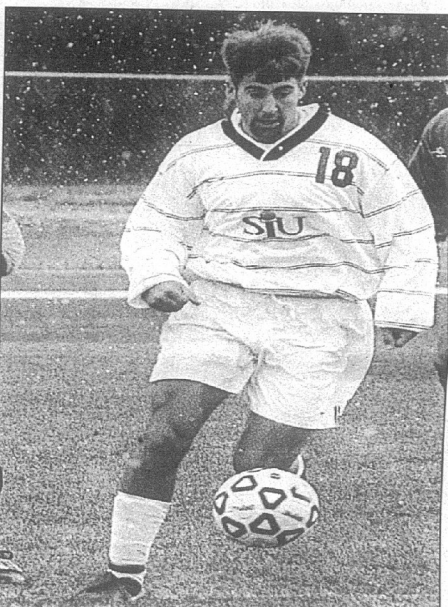
Just 47 seconds later, Brown stole the puck at mid-ice, tore for the goal, and sent a low slap shot into the net, putting Granite City on top 2-0. But the Warriors were far from finished.

Captain Vince Whittenburg took a soft pass from freshman Greg Pritchard and buried it deep in the net off a quick wrist shot. That score gave

Granite a 3-0 advantage with most of the first period still to be played. The score remained unchanged until the 1:09 mark of the first period when Whittenburg struck again. He broke in alone on goal and took a low slap shot which beat Kharibian and put the Warriors in complete control 4-0.

With only 15 seconds left in the period, and with his team short-handed, sophomore Bobby Meszaros plinked the puck at center ice, headed on goal and scored on a slap shot for a 5-0 Granite City lead.

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No Little feat

Granite City grad earns all-Midwest honors for SIUE

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

His name may be Little, but he is a big-time college soccer player.

Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville's Matt Little, a Granite City High School graduate, was selected by the NSCAA/Umbro All-American Committee as a first team midfielder on the 1997 NCAA Division II all-Midwest team.

Little was SIUE's leader in every statistical category for 1997, compiling 37 points on 13 goals and 11 assists. He ended the season as the second-leading goal-scorer and third-leading assist man in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

Little's leadership helped the Cougars finish 18-2-1, with a GLVC title and a trip to the NCAA Division II soccer championships. "Matt truly brings a lot to the field — both at practice and in a game," said Cougars coach Ed Hueneker. "He is hard-working and maintains an extremely high level of fitness, skill and strength. In addition, he has heart. He puts a huge amount of passion into each game. He's the complete package."

Little explains his passion in simple but straightforward words. "I put as much as I have into each game. I don't like to lose," he said.

(Staff photo by JOHN SWISTAK JR.)

Matt Little led Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville with 13 goals and 11 assists for 37 points. He was selected by the NSCAA/Umbro All-American Committee as a first team midfielder on the 1997 NCAA Division II all-Midwest team.

BAC off to 9-1 start

By Scott Marlon
Staff writer

Mike Juenger is off to a good start in his first season as women's basketball coach at Belleville Area College, as the Dutchwomen took a 9-1 record into this past weekend's Johnson County Tournament.

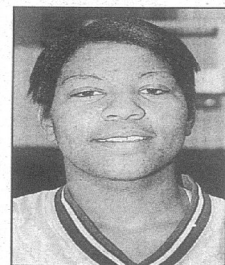
"I'm a little surprised," said Juenger, a former assistant coach with BAC's men's team. "I thought we would lose a couple more games because we have so many freshmen. Next semester I expect, even better things from us."

The biggest surprise for the Dutchwomen was a 74-69 win over John A. Logan on Dec. 2. Logan entered the game ranked as the No. 12 NJCAA team in the nation.

"It's the first time in BAC history that we've won at Logan," Juenger said. "They had an 87-game home winning streak."

"I didn't think we played very well. Again, we had a terrible first half. We've allowed an average of 33 points in the first half and only 21 points in the second."

"The funny thing about this team is that we don't have one



Shea Brown of East St. Louis has given the Dutchwomen a big boost.

spectacular person. We had one player with 17 points, one with 16, one with 15 and another with 10."

Crystal Tarr, a sophomore from Collinsville, is the only team member who played last season under former coach Shelly Ethridge (now head coach at the University of Missouri-St. Louis). But BAC's freshmen have made a quick adjustment to the college game.

"We finally outrebounded somebody," Juenger said of the Logan game. "I just think our girls wanted it a little more than they did. Our practices aren't as hard as I would like, but when it comes to game time, they sure play."

"I'm pleased with how we handle pressure at the end of a game. We just need to play

(See BAC, Page 3B)

Warriors JV team wins tourney

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

Perhaps the reason the Granite City High School junior varsity squad looks so good against competition its own age is because it wrestles against the varsity squad each practice.

Regardless, the JV Warriors continue to dominate opponents. On Saturday, GCHS scored 122 team points to beat 10 other teams in the Francis Howell North JV Tournament.

The Warriors accumulated 122 points. Second-place honors went to Fort Zumwalt South with 116½ points, followed by Francis Howell Central (108), St. Charles West (105), North West (79½), Francis Howell (79), Belleville East (78), Hazelwood West (59½), Francis Howell North (57), Fort Zumwalt North (44) and Hazelwood East (25½).

Four Granite City matmen placed first. Freshman Jake Trijan finished first at 103-

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pounds, junior Paul Johnson won the 119-pound division, sophomore Dan Robinson topped the 135-pound class and heavyweight Mark Deroset, a junior, won at 275 pounds.

Freshman Jason Evander won second at 171 pounds, freshman Gary Campbell was third at 128 pounds, and fourth-place honors went to Josh Wright, also a freshman.

"The kids really stepped up and wrestled with a lot of heart to win this tournament," said JV coach Mark Whitaker. "The kids had to overcome two empty weight classes, which is very hard to do in a tournament of this caliber. But not only did our champions score major points for us with some big pins, but we had three freshmen step up. Jason Evander, Gary Campbell and Josh Wright — to earn us very needed points."

This Saturday, the junior varsity Warriors participate in the Oakville JV Tournament.

Simpson recieves NJCAA honor

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

The Lewis & Clark Community College Trailblazers finished seventh in the final 1997 NJCAA Women's Soccer Coaches Poll.

A major reason? Roxie Simpson.

The freshman standout, a 1997 Granite City High School graduate, was named to the 1997 NJCAA Women's Soccer All-American Team. Simpson was a second-team selection.

"I really don't know where we would have been this season without Roxie," said Lewis & Clark coach Tim Rooney. "She always hustles, is a fighter, and sets up others to make the team better. With the year she's had, she'll really be a tough, tough competitor next season."

In a sentence, said Rooney, "Roxie Simpson was the hardest-working player on the field all season long — game in and game out, without

WOMEN'S JUCO SOCCER

fail." Simpson scored 11 goals and handed out 25 assists — one of the top assists marks in the nation — and just missed cracking the top 10 among junior college scoring leaders. She had been in and out of the top 10 through the season.

Simpson was joined on the All-American team by teammates Beth Guccione, a second team selection; and Aubrey Cardinal, who received honorable mention recognition. Cardinal, who possesses a bullet shot and is an exceptional player in the air, finished eighth in the nation in scoring. Her 56 points came on 23 goals and 10 assists. Cardinal is a transfer from McKendree College.

Guccione was the glue that held the Trailblazers' defense together during the 1997 campaign.

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SPORTS

Granite City baseball clinic set for Jan. 27-28

The Granite City Park District and Granite City High School baseball announce a cooperative Baseball Coaching Clinic scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday (Jan. 27-28) at the Granite City High School Memorial Gymnasium.

Sessions are set for 6:15-8:30 p.m. both nights. Instructions, drills and demonstrations will highlight both evening sessions. Topics to be covered include pitching, catching, outfield play, infield play (by position), hitting and bunting. Registration is taking place at the Granite City Park District office. The cost is \$15 for adults, \$15 for players (7 years old and up), \$20 for an adult and a player, and \$25 for a family (more than two). Enrollment is limited.

Volunteer instructors include Kirk Champion, Chicago White Sox pitching coach; Keith Champion, a major league advance scout for the Chicago Cubs with 15 years of experience and also a former player, coach and manager; Bob Champion, former GCHS high school coach (1974-80) and former major league scout; and Bob Stegemeir, a former GCHS coach (1974-83) and former professional player.

All proceeds will be shared equally by the baseball programs at Granite City High School and the Granite City Park District.

JKJ to speak

Jackie Joyner-Kersey, six-time Olympic medalist and East St. Louis native, will speak at Fontbonne College's commencement exercises on Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Dunham Student Activity Center on Fontbonne's campus.

More than 300 graduates will be awarded degrees at one of the largest December commencements in Fontbonne history. Joyner-Kersey will also receive an honorary degree, Doctor of Humane Letters, in recognition of her achievements in athletics and efforts to support and encourage young people.

Pheasant hunting

Pheasant hunting at Horseshoe Lake in Madison County begins today. Hunting is closed on Mondays, Tuesdays, Christmas Day and

SPORTS BRIEFS

New Year's Day

Hunting fee is \$22 for two pheasants (either sex). On Jan. 15, both pheasant and quail may be hunted. Jan. 18 is the last day to hunt pheasant. Rabbits may also be hunted, beginning Jan. 18.

Steve Alwerdt will supply pheasants. Make reservations with Steve Alwerdt today by calling 618-483-6310; reservations after today can be made by calling Horseshoe Lake at (618) 931-0270 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

New director

Granite City native Dave Fernandez has been named associate director of Metro FC, a professionally-run soccer club based in the Troy-Edwardsville area of Southern Illinois.

A 1981 graduate of Granite City South High School and a member of Granite City's Soccer Hall of Fame, Fernandez is remembered for his ball wizardry and unprecedented creative flair.

Following the four state championships won by the Warriors while Dave attended South, he started for four years — and was captain — at Saint Louis University.

Since leaving SLU, Fernandez has won three state championships as a high school coach in Louisville, Ky. Most recently, he was the head soccer coach at Bellarmine College and was the coaching director at Mockingbird Valley Soccer Club.

Golf scramble

The Legacy is conducting a three-person scramble on Jan. 1, 1998, with a 10 a.m. shotgun start.

The scramble will be lighted based on the number of teams. The cost is \$45 per player and includes green fee, cart and 18 holes of golf. A skins game, for \$5 per person, is optional. For information, call 931-GOLF or (314) 726-GOLF.

PREP/COLLEGE SPORTS STANDINGS

METRO EAST HOCKEY

Southern Division			
Team	Conf	Overall	GF/GA
Granite City	2-0	4-0	24/4
Alton	3-0	4-0	32/6
Belleville West	3-1	4-1	17/8
Collinsville	2-2	2-3	10/24
Belleville East	0-1	1-1	13/14
O'Fallon	0-2	1-2	9/10
Cahokia	0-3	0-3	2/17

Northern Division			
Team	Conf	Overall	GF/GA
Roxana	1-0	3-0	15/9
Alton	1-0	1-1	9/6
Marquette	0-0	0-1	4/5
Edwardsville	1-1	1-2	15/10
Civic Memorial	0-1	1-1	8/9
Wood River	0-2	0-2	1/14
Piasa SW	0-1	0-2	1/23

GIRLS HOOPS STANDINGS

Southwestern Conference			
Team	Conf	Overall	GF/GA
Edwardsville	2-0	3-0	6/6
Collinsville	2-0	2-0	6/6
Alton	2-0	2-0	6/6
Belleville East	2-1	2-3	23/14
Belleville West	1-1	1-4	14/24
Granite City	0-6	0-6	2/4
E. St. Louis	0-3	0-7	6/7

Mississippi Valley			
Team	Conf	Overall	GF/GA
Highland	3-0	4-1	41/20
Jerseyville	2-0	3-1	31/20
Civic Memorial	1-1	4-4	44/30
Mascoutah	0-1	1-2	14/20
Waterloo	0-2	0-4	24/32
Triad	0-2	0-3	0/3

Cahokia			
Team	Conf	Overall	GF/GA
Carlyle	3-0	6-1	61/30
Besse C.	1-0	1-0	30/40
Freeburg	2-1	2-1	44/31
Westlin	2-1	4-4	44/30
Dupo	0-0	0-0	0/0
Lebanon	0-0	1-0	16/25
Columbia	0-1	2-5	25/26
New Athens	0-2	0-6	0/6
Red Bud	0-4	0-8	0/8

South Seven			
Team	Conf	Overall	GF/GA
O'Fallon	0-0	0-0	0/0
Cahokia	0-0	0-0	0/0

Independents			
Team	Conf	Overall	GF/GA
Lincoln	0-0	0-0	0/0

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Footnote

John Quinn, coach of Oak Park Fenwick, a winner in the St. Louis Shootout, is an interesting type. While Fenwick is among the nation's best this year, it always has not been that way. In 1990, Quinn was so upset with his team's three-game losing streak that he not only told his players to run practice but also the next game which they lost while he watched from behind the team bench.

Rim shot

The St. Louis Shootout featured a pair of Paces — Orlando of the St. Louis Rams made an appearance and presentation to Tim Pace, the former Collinsville High star who set a Shootout record with a 71-foot shot.

The long distance bomb came at the end of the third quarter of the Kahoks' 65-49 loss to DeMet in 1987. Tim's record should stand for some time. The closest to it is a foot set by Corie Brandon of Riverview Gardens in '92.

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Baseball camps

FAC Sports Camps and BAC baseball coach Neil Fiala will conduct two hitting camps and one pitching camp at Belleville Area College Intramural Gym, 2500 Carlyle Ave., Belleville, Ill. The hitting camps, \$65 per session, are Dec. 29-31 (9-11:30 a.m.) and Jan. 5-7 (5:30-8 p.m.). The pitching camp is \$45 and runs Dec. 29-31 (12:30-2 p.m.).

For a registration sheet, call (618) 235-2700, ext. 371 during the day, or (314) 487-2768 in the evening.

MVCHA scholarships

The Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association has announced that two \$500 scholarships will be awarded this year following the 1997-98 hockey season.

All high school seniors who play high school hockey in the MVCHA this season will be eligible to compete for the scholarships. Selections will be approved for distribution by the MVCHA Board of Directors. Scholarships will be distributed directly to the college, trade school, vocational school or community college of the student's choice.

Contact team coaches for an application for the scholarship program. Applications must be postmarked by March 1, 1998. For more information, call Bob Mooshegan at 466-4533 or Dr. Gary Clark at 466-1380.

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SPORTS

Raiders rally to win Midget Super Bowl

The Collinsville Raiders won their Midget Division Super Bowl game in dramatic fashion, beating the Belleville Devils 14-12. Justin Bishop threw a touchdown pass to Brandon Snyder with 48 seconds remaining to tie the game at 6-6 and eventually send it into overtime.

In the extra session, Bishop again hooked up with Snyder for the go-ahead touchdown. Robert Henry kicked the conversion for two points to give the Raiders a 14-6 lead. Belleville scored a touchdown on its possession and attempted to kick the two-point conversion but Bishop blocked the kick and helped preserve the victory.

The Collinsville team has now won three Super Bowls — in the Pee Wee, Junior Midget and Midget Divisions.

Members of the Collinsville Raiders Midget Division championship team (from left to right) are: In front — Bobby Wondolewski, Jacob Snider, Frederick Williams, Kurt Simpson, James Denton, Brandon Krausz, Robert Henry, E'lon Rives, coach Bob Wondolewski; Second row — coach Mark Blaylock, Justin Bishop, Nick Maggio, Danta Bass, Ronald Haywood, Brandon Snyder, Joel Rea, J.W. Mollett, head coach Tom Snyder, coach Brent Bishop; In back — coach Dennis Maggio, Andrew Evans, Jerome Taylor, Eric Kelley, Dezman Butler, B.J. Combs, Ryan Eberhart, Chris Nonn, Garrett Whitt. Not pictured are Lawrence Doss, Wes Hampsch, Steven Looney and coach Dave Hampsch.

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•BAC

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hard the whole game like we do in the second half. Our starting five has been different every game. Whoever practices hardest is going to get the playing time."

Because BAC's freshmen were recruited by Ethridge, Juenger didn't know much about them when he was hired as women's head coach in October.

"Shea Brown (a 5-8 sophomore from East St. Louis) has played well," Juenger said. "I had never seen her play in high school, so I didn't know how good she really was. But I expect all of the girls to come to college and play hard."

At the Johnson County Tournament, BAC was scheduled to

play Kansas City (Kan.) on Friday and Johnson County on Saturday.

"Everybody is starting to get along and play as a team," Juenger said. "Our shot selection was terrible at first, but it's starting to get better. They came in shooting like they were in high school like the so-called stars, but now they're realizing there's a whole team out there."

"If we play our best, we can be one of the top teams in the country. If not, it will be a war out there."

"Our defensive rebounding has been terrible. High school is not as physical as college ball, so that's something we've been working on every day."

The Dutchwomen don't play again until Jan. 8.

•Simpson

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paign. The former Incarnate Word sensation shut out 14 of 22 opponents and maintained a 0.636 goals against average, the eighth best mark in the country.

Guccione and Simpson will return next year as the heart of squad that went 16-6-2 in 1997 and won the Region 24 title and the District Championship.

At the National Tournament at Essex Community College in Baltimore, Md., Lewis & Clark lost two games — to Monroe College (Rochester, N.Y.) and to Rhode Island Community College — by identical 1-0 scores.

"We're right now where I'd

"Roxie Simpson is a good, hungry, never-say-die player. She is integral to the success of this team, both present and future."

— Rooney
Lewis & Clark coach

hope we'd be with the talent we recruited," said Rooney. "We just have to keep challenging ourselves to stay in the hunt for a national title."

A big part of that future success will be Simpson.

"Roxie Simpson is a good, hungry, never-say-die player," Rooney added. "She is integral to the success of this team, both present and future."

Ethridge has UMSL program on track

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

In six years as women's basketball coach at Belleville Area College, Shelly Ethridge turned a perennial loser into one of the top junior college programs.

Now she's working her magic at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

The Riverwomen, who were 5-22 last season, are off to a 6-1 start in Ethridge's first year as head coach. Their only loss was 76-73 to Bellarmine — ranked No. 13 in the nation in NCAA Division II on a last-second shot on Dec. 4.

"I knew we had a very talented squad, but at this level I didn't know how talented we would be," Ethridge said. "Once we got a few games

under our belt, I knew we would be pretty good. We have a lot of depth and that, certainly helps."

"Our leading scorers are Melanie Marcy, a junior transfer from Illinois State; and Annette Brandy, a junior All-American transfer from Illinois Central. But other players have risen to the occasion. It's been a different person almost every game."

Ethridge is pleased, but not surprised, by her team's fast start.

"The transition has been very smooth. Everybody made me feel welcome here," she said.

The Riverwomen don't play again until Dec. 30 at Lindenwood. They then play Jan. 2 at Lewis University.

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SPORTS

•Hockey—

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After one period, the Warriors had five goals on 10 shots with senior goalie Robbie Slater holding the Comanches scoreless on only six shots.

The second and third periods were scoreless as the Warriors experimented with various line combinations and shuffled players into different positions. Penalties kept Cahokia from digging themselves out of its first period deficit. The Comanches served 46 penalty minutes, compared to only 27 for the Warriors.

Granite City outshot its opponent 9-7 in the middle period and 4-0 down the stretch.

"With the strong play of our forwards in the first period, which gave us a big lead, we were able to really shuffle our lines through the remainder of the game," said Warriors coach Paul Solberger. "With penalty minutes stacking up on a frustrated Cahokia team, we were pleased to see our players maintaining their discipline and protecting each other, which are important aspects of good team attitude."

Once more, the Granite City defense was tough as nails and goalie Robbie Slater answered every Cahokia challenge with a save, including a succession of big-time saves midway through the second period.

The Warriors face the Althoff Crusaders tonight at the Wilson Park Ice Arena. Face-off is 8:15 p.m.

Other hockey

When the Belleville West hockey team needs a spark, it looks to John Stier.

Stier, a senior forward, scored three goals, including the game-winner in the third period as the Maroons beat Althoff 3-2 Saturday night at Cahokia Ice Rink.

"If John isn't one of the best players in the league, I don't know who is," West coach Mike Morgan said of Stier, who has six goals in five games this season. "He's not only our captain, he's one of our emotional leaders. If we need something big, he comes through."

The win improved West's record to 4-1. The loss was the first in five games for Althoff.

"This puts us back toward the top of the (Southern) Valley Club Hockey Association," Morgan said. "This was an important game because we wanted to make sure we came out of it 4-1 while dropping Althoff to 4-1."

"We play Belleville East next (6:30 p.m. Sunday at Cahokia) and then we play Roxana, but also discipline to keep pace with Granite City. That game (vs. Granite City) on Jan. 4 at East Alton) is a date everyone needs to set on their calendar. Hopefully we can come into that only one game behind them."

Althoff, which outshot West 18-17, took a 2-1 lead into the third period.

"The kids played pretty well the entire game," said Crusaders coach Chuck Donze. "The effort was there."

Despite the loss, Donze was pleased with the effort of his team, which plays at 8:15 p.m. tonight at Granite City.

"This was a frustrating loss and the boys were disappointed in the locker room," Donze said, "but I said at the beginning of this year there wouldn't be any teams in this league that would go undefeated."

"We'll play West again (Feb. 15 at Cahokia), so we'll get another chance."

Granite City
(Illinois) Warriors
(Mississippi Valley
Club Hockey Association)
Statistics
(Through Dec. 17)

Player	G	A	Pts
Bobby Messaros	3	7	10
Vince Whittenburg	6	3	9
Jared Brown	4	3	7
David Svezia	4	0	4
John Stordahl	0	3	3
Dustin Wesley	0	3	3
Tim Knowlton	0	2	2
Brett Solberger022	1	1	1
Greg Pritchard	1	0	1
Bill Cahill	1	0	1
Bill Fiorio101	0	1	1
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Brandon Rollins		2	0
Robert Slater		85	4

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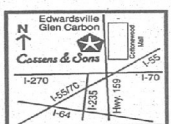
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HOLIDAY Gift & Dining Guide

Belleville Santa house memorializes its designer

By Cheryl A. Moody
Staff writer

There is something new about Santa's house in Belleville this year.

The house displays a plaque in memory of its designer and builder, Alan L. Bott from Belleville, who died in June at 71.

Bott's wife, Lavon, said that in 1952 her husband decided that Belleville needed a Santa Claus house. He took on the challenge and designed the structure and built a small model of what the building would look like.

"He went to the Chamber of Commerce and told them if they would finance it, he would take the time to build it," Lavon Bott said.

The Chambers agreed to finance the building, which cost \$2,500 and Bott began building the house in 1963.

The house was constructed on 8th and C Street on property acquired by senior citizens, where the St. Louis Dairy Company was once located.

Alan Bott had help from other Belleville residents and Lavon Bott's father, Sam Paule. Paule was a woodcarver who started the Hotzschultz organization, the Belleville woodcarver's club.

The crew built Santa's house on a stationary house trailer bed to enable it to be pulled

easily from one place to the other. It took 1,000 man-hours to finish the house.

"We worked on it over one whole summer and into the fall," Lavon Bott said. "We worked on it in 1963, the same year that Kennedy was shot. We listened to the news about Kennedy while we were working on it."

When it was completed in November 1963, it was set-up in front of the old courthouse in Belleville.

Since that time, few changes have been made to the original structure. Lavon Bott said cosmetic changes have been made like new carpeting, a new mantel and a new chair for Santa to sit in.

"That was always his baby," Lavon Bott said of Santa's house. "He would be pleased that someone is taking care of it."

The Optimist Club of Belleville took over the maintenance of the building three years ago.

Paula Shields, who works with Lavon Bott, said that her

son, Michael, 7, Shields was quite impressed with the house.

"Yesterday, he told my husband that must be the real Santa because that looks like the real Santa Claus house," Paula Shields said.

"I told Michael I knew the lady whose husband who built it. He said, 'Well it was built in the North

Pole and they moved it here, right?'"

Lots of other children also like Santa's house. Lois Stroh, president of the club, said about 2,000 children visit Santa there each year.

This year, children can see Santa at his house in front of Nation's Bank on the public square in Belleville.

Trees vary in looks

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Blue Spruce trees are known for their blue/green needles and layered branch structure, making them easy to decorate.

Douglas Firs are best known for their dense, fragrant needles and tall, pyramid shape.

Douglas Fir trees have great needle retention, allowing them to keep that "just cut" appearance all holiday season.

Frank's Nursery & Crafts has some advice for customers to follow when selecting a tree.

• Make sure the tree is the right size for the home. Customers should measure the space designated for the tree before they come to shop. The tree size needed to fit a particular space is often hard to judge in a large outdoor environment.

• Grab the needles on the tree and pull. If they come off easily, the tree may be too dry.

• Look at the trunk to make sure it's straight for easy (See TREES, Page 6B)



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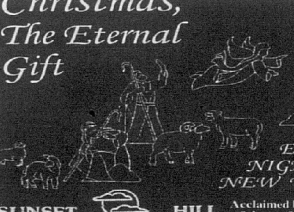
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NEWS

Gift idea: automobile cleaning

By Cheryl A. Moody
Staff writer

If you're clueless about what to buy that special someone for Christmas, having their car professionally cleaned might just be the answer.

Ziebart Tidy Car at 314 N. Illinois in Belleville offers gift certificates for interior and exterior car details. Or you can surprise someone by personally taking their car for cleaning and returning it to them looking brand spanking new.

"A detail would make a nice present for the lady who has kids and doesn't have the time to clean the car or van," said Kevin Griebel, shop manager.

Griebel said that during an exterior detail, cars are high pressure washed. The outside of the car is de-bugged, de-tarred and then hand waxed.

After the wax is applied, a coat of polymar is applied. Griebel said the polymar bonds with the wax and clear-coat to seal the paint. The polymar protects the paint from sun-rays that bleach and dull the paint.

An exterior detail includes cleaning and dressing wheels and tires. This makes the tires shiny black and brightens letters on white-walls.

Car chrome is shined and all windows and mirrors are cleaned. An interior detail includes using a cleaner conditioner on leather seats, keeping them soft and supple and making them less likely to crack.

Fabric interior is cyclone scrubbed with an electric scrub brush and then a fabric protector is applied.

Carpet is vacuumed and cleaned and stubborn stains are steam cleaned.

The interior dash is cleaned and a vinyl dressing is applied to make the dash moist and shiny.



Kevin Stoszku vacuums out the interior of an automobile at Ziebart Tidy Car. Merry Christmas!

Other steps are taken to make the vehicle spotless, like cleaning out the ash trays and cleaning the vents.

"Anything that can be wiped down is wiped down," Griebel said.

For \$29.95, you can even have motor compartments steam cleaned, which removes the dirt and grime.

"The car is based on worth by appearance," Griebel said. "Protecting the appearance helps the vehicle to maintain its value."

Griebel said appointments are preferred for a car detail, which takes about four hours. Customers are offered free shuttle service home in Belleville, Fairview Heights or Swansea, Or. The shuttle will also take customers to St. Clair Square or downtown Belleville.

For more information about prices or hours, call 277-7878. Or consult your telephone directory for other businesses in the area offering car details.

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The result? According to The Home Furnishings Council, there is a demand for furniture high in both style and practicality, pieces able to change function — desk to dining

table, seating to storage — depending on need or mood. Such flexible, double-duty furniture suits people's limited space and busy lives, said Susan Denney, owner of Minnesota-based Conestoga Wood Inc. Conestoga makes a wide variety of wooden benches, trunks and armchairs.

"Storage benches are big, for example, because they provide extra storage space," she said. (See FURNITURE, Page 7B)

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•Trees—

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placement in a tree stand and for the best presentation.

- Examine the center of the tree to make sure it's clear of excessive dead needles, preventing them from dropping into the home. However, it is normal to see a small amount of these needles.

- Have the tree baled for better transportation. When baled, protective plastic netting is placed around the tree, keeping the branches from breaking while in transit.

- Avoid laying the tree on concrete or asphalt surfaces for more than two days. The heat reflected from the surface will burn the foliage.

- Moving trees from one spot to another must be done with care. Dragging the trees will remove the needles from eye level.

- All trees should be handled by the main trunk. Trees become brittle in cold temperatures and are susceptible to breakage if handled incorrectly.

- Prior to placing the tree in the stand, be sure to cut at least one inch from the tree trunk to allow for necessary water intake. Mount the tree in its stand within six hours of the cut to prevent sealing.

- Use tree preserver in either liquid or gel form to help the tree absorb water once it's in the stand.

- Keep the tree stand full of water at all times, checking regularly, especially during the first 24 hours.

- When purchasing a Christmas tree, customers should also buy a tree removal bag. At the end of the holiday season, the bag can be placed over the tree, keeping the needles from falling on the floor.

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Furniture

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vide storage, seating and create a focal point in an entry or hallway," Denney said.

Cedar chests are another strong seller. "We make a whole line of trunks that are finished all the way around, so they can be used as a coffee table."

Conestoga's newest offering is a dining nook ensemble with L-shaped benches that open to provide storage for table linens, silver or kids' homework supplies.

La-Z-Boy has picked up on the double-duty theme, with a new line of handsome armchairs that open to comfortable single beds.

"We've had great success with our 'chair and a half' sleepers, and we're expanding the line," said John Chase, La-Z-Boy vice president of marketing. "They convert from a home office chair to a spare bed for guests. People are using them in dens and studies, in studio apartments—anywhere space is at a premium."

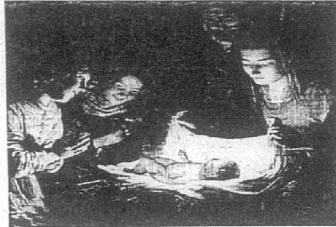
Other ideas for getting twice the use from furniture basics include:

Dining room table. Look for a solid farm or trestle table (some have storage beneath), which can function as a desk by day (then be dressed up for dining at night. Add a laptop and a few rolling file bins (good for whisking into a corner or closet) and you have an instant home office.

Coffee tables. Check out prices that offer drawers and storage for magazines, videos, games or kids' toys. Wooden chests or brushed metal trunks are stylish and sturdy, with loads of stow-away space.

Ottomans. The traditional staple is back in a big way, making an appearance as extra seating or even a coffee table.

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Diamonds are for everyone

By Mark Hodapp
Staff writer

Tony DeWalt puts a different spin on the old saying about girls and diamonds.

"They're pretty much anybody's friend," said DeWalt, a sales associate at Krigel's Jewelers. "Diamonds are a piece that will never go away."

For that matter, diamonds are a great Christmas gift that probably will never go out of style, Charles Blanquart said.

Blanquart said it's also good to seek for an appraisal. Diamonds are graded on a scale that directly impact price. This scale ranges from perfect to imperfect, which is the lowest grade.

"This is the peak time of the year," he said.

Platinum and white jewelry also are popular gift items this year, Blanquart said. In his view, these colors are popular because they match other colors easily.

But before purchasing any jewelry, Blanquart and DeWalt said consumers should ask questions about the quality and warranty on the item they are considering purchasing.

"In a way, it's just like buying a car," DeWalt said. "It's always good to ask questions about the warranty and what happens after the purchase."

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A diamonds' clarity, color and cut are all factors that affect the price and grade.

Blanquart pointed out the price of diamonds this year are running rather consistent with last year. For instance, a one-half karat set of diamond earrings will cost approximately \$900, he said.

Travel packages: good gifts

By Kimberly Haas
Staff writer

With flights on the Concorde, cruises to Hawaii, and trips to Aruba, Christmas gifts just aren't what they used to be.

Instead of fighting for a parking space at the local shopping center, shoppers are heading to their local travel agencies for travel packages and gift certificates to surprise loved ones with on Christmas morning.

"Traveling is just the thing to do and it's becoming very affordable," Diana Buxton, travel specialist at Ambassador Travel and Cruises in Belleville, said.

"It's a nice way to give a gift to someone who has everything."

Gift certificates for travel are popular because recipients are able to pick out where they want to go. While the certificate may not cover all expenses, it will help with the overall costs.

Certificates can be bought in any denomination, Buxton said, and can be applied toward a trip at any time of the year.

"Gift certificates give you flexibility and make a nice gift for someone," Buxton said.

Within the next few weeks, Buxton said, between 50 and 60 gift certificates will be bought by children, parents, husbands, wives, girlfriends, boyfriends, and even companies to give away to employees.

However, Buxton warns that those who want to book trips for the first few months of 1998 should start doing so now.

"We're already thinking about June and July," she said.

If you're uncertain about whether to plan a trip, select a destination for someone else, or buy a gift certificate, Buxton said a travel agent can help you during the planning process.

"There are a lot of different avenues and we're here as counselors to find the right way to do it," she said.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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GENERATION JESUS YOUTH GROUP, led by youth minister, 6 to 8 p.m. every Sunday at Nameoki United Methodist Church, 1900 Pontoon Road.

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 2020 Johnson Road, holds Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and morning worship at 10:45 a.m. every Sunday. Everyone is welcome.

ST. PETER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, 2101 Cleveland Blvd. holds Sunday School at 9 a.m. and morning services at 10:15 a.m. Nursery available. Everyone is welcome.

Community

MADISON COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP, meets at 7 p.m. the fifth Monday of the month. For more information call Dan at 452-2336 or Diane at 676-1360.

MITCHELL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 2 monthly meeting, 7 p.m., second Tuesday of each month, Maryville and Old Alto roads.

Dance

MIDWESTERN UNITED STATES IMPERIAL DANCE CLUB (must be regular monthly meeting is held every other Sunday evening at the American Legion Hall in Collinsville. Non-members welcome. Dance lessons from beginning to advance in each of 96 p.m. Open to all. In the main hall is open from 6-10 p.m. at a cost of \$4 for nonmember and \$2 for member.

BOOTS & SLIPPERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB, square dance lessons, 7 to 9 p.m., every Monday, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Fairview Heights. The cost is \$2.50 per person, per session. For more information, call 797-6525 or 344-4636.

Food/Nutrition

POLISH PIEROGI SALE, 9 a.m. to noon Dec. 20 and Dec. 27 at Sacred Heart Polish National Catholic Church, 830 Reynolds, Madison. Seven varieties: cabbage, cheese, kraut, potato, sausage and kraut, plum pudding and taco. Special seasonal feature: Whole plum pierogi. \$6 per dozen. Cakes and breads to heat and eat. Carry-outs only. Order ahead by calling 876-5860, 876-5695, or 831-3567.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH monthly coffee breakfast is the second Saturday of every month, at 9 a.m. St. Clair Ave. Meals are \$1 for adults and \$2 for children. Breakfast includes scrambled eggs, sausage, homemade coffee and more. Call 451-7788 for more information.

RESCUE MISSION, 1536 Fourth St., Madison, food pantry is open from 9 a.m. to noon every Tuesday. Samuel Turner is the chairman, Valinda Turner is the secretary and Alfred Turner is the pastor.

GRANITE CITY FOURSQUARE CHURCH, 12th Street and Edwardsville Road, hot meals served free of charge, the last Monday of each month, to those in need of help who just want someone to talk to. Open to public. For information or a ride, call 451-9535.

Health/Exercise

Bemis Chiropractic, 3361 Felling Road in Granite City, is offering **FREE ELECTRONIC SPINAL ADJUSTMENTS** from 9 a.m. to noon every Tuesday and Thursday. Call 876-2272 for more information.

TOPS 2363, 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St. For more information call Bobbie at 452-0273.



High-pressure bicycle tires don't make it any easier to pedal. A Texas sports physiologist tested oxygen use of riders on four different tire inflations over measured distance. Report: there's no advantage to more expensive, less-stable high-pressure tires.

Low-fat milk is 2 percent fat by weight - but it's really 37 percent fat by calories. Opt for skim milk. You can, with a percent of its calories from fat.

A ballet dancer's first position - heels together - is the least one works the abdominal and gluteal muscles. Stand tall, with one hand on a chair (or barre) for balance.

The "training table" for football players isn't what you used to be. The Dallas Cowboys, for instance, get six daily servings of fruits and vegetables, plus low-fat, high-grain choices like bread and spaghetti.

Ultramarathon runs, up to 100 miles, appeal to runners. The median age is often 50 - perhaps because speed is not really an issue. The fastest one race is to finish 100 miles before a 30-hour cutoff.



FREE SENIOR CITIZEN EXERCISE CLASS, 9 a.m., every Thursday, Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St.

TOPS 2048 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 6 p.m. every Monday, Melvin Price Support Center in Granite City, 876-2124.

TOPS IL 645, 7 p.m. every Monday, Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St., Granite City, 452-6102. Men and women welcome.

TOPS 1689 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) will meet at 6:45 p.m. every Tuesday at the Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St.; call 797-2724 for more information. Men and women are welcome to attend.

TOPS IL 2417, 6 p.m. every Tuesday, Briarcliff Pentecostal Church, 1120 Pontoon Road, Granite City, downtown. Weigh-in at 5:30 p.m. Anyone age 7 or above with a weight problem is welcome. For more information call Lisa at 831-5036.

ST. ELIZABETH MEDICAL CENTER sponsors a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday in Pascal Hall, 2100 Madison Ave., Granite City. Type O blood is particularly needed. Donors must weigh at least 110 pounds and be at least 17 years old. In Illinois, 16-year-olds may give blood with a signed Red Cross permission form. For more information about this or any other blood drive, call the American Red Cross at 800-4-GIVE LIFE.

Organizations

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS CHAPTER 1340, meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month, at the second Wednesday of each month. Doors open at 5 p.m., refreshments served at 6 p.m. All seniors 50 and over are welcome. For information call 877-3020.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP of Central Christian Church meets at 8:30 a.m. the first Tuesday of each month for breakfast and fellowship. For more information, call 876-5860 or 831-3567.

GRANITE CITY BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN, meeting at Jersey Cafeteria, 1100 N. Edwardsville, third Wednesday of each month, followed by a program at 7:15. Open to the public. For more information call 452-5391 or 451-6914.

NOON NETWORKING FOR WOMEN, third Wednesday of each month, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Ramada Inn in Fairview Heights. Cost is \$10 (no annual dues). Please feel free to bring your business cards and brochures. Bring a friend a get \$4 off your next lunch at Noon Networking.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP of Central Christian Church meets at 8:30 a.m. the first Tuesday of each month. For more information, call Helen Stumpe at 931-2098.

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS, a hereditary descendants' organization, meets every third Thursday of every other month at Favalini's Restaurant in Granite City. Call 877-3095 for more information.

NAVY MOTHERS CLUBS OF AMERICA, meets at 7:30 p.m., second Thursday of each month at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Granite City. Mothers, fathers, daughters, wives or sisters of former and present Navy, Marines, Coast Guard or Sea Bees are encouraged to join. For further information, call 931-2292 or 876-2709.

THE SARAH AND DORCAS CIRCLES OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP meets at 8:30 a.m. the first Thursday of each month, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Granite City. Mothers, fathers, daughters, wives or sisters of former and present Navy, Marines, Coast Guard or Sea Bees are encouraged to join. For further information, call 931-2292 or 876-2709.

THE RUTH CIRCLE OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP meets at 7 p.m. the third Thursday of each month, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Granite City. Mothers, fathers, daughters, wives or sisters of former and present Navy, Marines, Coast Guard or Sea Bees are encouraged to join. For further information, call 931-2292 or 876-2709.

LYDIA CIRCLE of Nameoki United Methodist Church meets at 1 p.m. the third Thursday of each month. For more information phone, 877-1936.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED will meet at 10 a.m. the fourth Thursday of each month, except July, at the Holy Family Community Center.

MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA Life Insurance Society meets the last Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. at Ravanelli's Restaurant in Granite City.

THE JOLLY QUILTERS, 9 a.m. to 2

p.m., every Thursday at the Social Center, 906 Thorngate Drive, Mitchell.

GRANITE CITY COMMUNITY BAND rehearsals, 7:30 to 9 p.m. every Thursday, St. John United Church of Christ, 2901 Nameoki Road, Granite City, 931-0443.

GREATER BENEVOLENT UNION OF PITTSBURGH, District 491, Granite City Council, meets at 8 p.m., first Friday of each month, at Third Baptist Church, 26th Street and Grand Avenue in Granite City. James Reagan, president, can be reached at 288-7396; and Mary Solomon, secretary, can be reached at 451-9271.

GRANITE CHAPTER 650 ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR meets the second Friday of each month, 7:30 p.m., at the Masonic Temple, 20th Street and Cleveland Boulevard in Granite City.

DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD RESTORATION SOCIETY, 8 p.m., second Friday of each month, Granite City, 876-7715.

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THE PONTOON BEACH JAYCEES regular meeting is held at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Sunday of each month, at Ralph and Charlie's Steak House. The meetings are open and the public is invited.

METRO EAST LANDLORD'S ASSOCIATION meets the first Monday of each month at the Eagles Lodge in Collinsville.

CAMERA EXPLORERS CLUB, Hartford Public Library, 143 W. Hawthorne St., 7 p.m., first Monday of each month, call Beverly Zager, 254-0304.

ELKETTES, Granite City Lodge 1063, meet the first Tuesday of each month, the first Tuesday of each month except July and August.

MADISON COUNTY LEGAL SECRETARIES ASSOCIATION meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Open to everyone in legal field. Meetings are held at 6 p.m. All staff, court reporters and court personnel. For more information call 465-4400.

MADISON COUNTY HOMEMAKERS EXTENSION ASSOCIATION, Granite City unit, noon, first Tuesday of each month, Anchorage Recreation Center. For more information call 876-7025 or 931-3735.

TRIO UNIT, MADISON COUNTY HOMEMAKERS EXTENSION ASSOCIATION, noon, first Tuesday of each month, Hope Lutheran Church, 3715 Wabash Ave., Granite City.

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL meets the first, third and fifth Tuesday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. at Shoney's, Highway 157 (44 Center). Come join us for better communication and leadership skills. For more information call 692-0206 or 344-2888.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES (NAFPE) Chapter 1067 meets the second Tuesday of each month, except July and August, at 11:30 a.m. at Charlie's Restaurant in Granite City. For more information call 876-8450.

BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION OF GRANITE CITY HIGH SCHOOL, 3101 Madison Ave., 451-5605, 7 p.m., second Tuesday of each month.

BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS, Granite City Lodge 1063, Maryville Road, Granite City, 931-3557, 8 p.m., second Tuesday of each month.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, 3RD DEGREE, 4225 Old Alto Road, 7:30 p.m., the second Tuesday of each month, call 877-4250.

BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS, Granite City Lodge 1063, Maryville Road, Granite City, 931-3557, 8 p.m., fourth Tuesday of each month.

JOB'S DAUGHTERS BETHEL #43 meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 20th Street and Cleveland Boulevard.

GRANITE CITY KIWANIS meet at Shoney's at 7:30 a.m. every Tuesday.

The Troy/Maryville/Collinsville chapter of **BUSINESS NETWORKS INT'L (BNI)** meets every Tuesday at 7 a.m. at Randy's Restaurant in Troy. For more information, please call Lisa at 667-8340.

BURT - BUBBLEMASTERS UNDERWATER RESCUE TEAM meets the third Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. at 4964 Old Alto Road, next door to the Mitchell Fire Department in Granite City. Tours are available by appointment, please call 931-8317 or write to the address mentioned above.

MADISON COUNTY FAMILY RESOURCE ALLIANCE will meet from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Madison County Hospital, St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Granite City. For directions and information call, 462-4883, extension 104.

NEW HOPE CHAPTER 432 ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR meets at 8 p.m. the first and third Fridays of each month at the Masonic Temple, 1940 Cleveland Blvd. in Granite City.

TRIPLE LODGE 835 A.F. and A.M. meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Masonic Temple, 1940 Cleveland Blvd. in Granite City.

Schools

SCHOOL OF METAPHYSICS, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., every Tuesday, 9459 Roslan Place, St. John, Mo. Classes are held at 7:30 p.m. Call Melanice McManus at 429-0076.

Seniors

PONTOON BEACH SENIOR CITIZENS BINGO, every Wednesday, 11:30 a.m., 910 Illinois 111, Pontoon Beach.

CHOUTEAU TOWNSHIP SENIOR CITIZENS will meet at 6 p.m. Dec. 18, at the Pontoon Beach Senior Center, 910 Illinois 111, Pontoon Beach. A ham dinner will be served, and everyone should bring a complimentary dish. All everyone should bring a gift-wrapped present that will be given to the needy.

ATTENTION MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES - Come and hear how Advantage can give you complete health coverage. You are invited to hear a presentation every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Pontoon Beach Senior Center, 910 Highway 111, Pontoon Beach.

ENGLE PARK ACRES SENIORS OF MADISON meet every Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon at 100 W. St. Boniface School, 128 N. Buchanan, Edwardsville.

FREE SENIOR CITIZEN EXERCISE CLASS, 9 a.m., every Thursday, Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON PINOCCHIO CLUB for seniors 55 and over meets at 12:30 p.m. every Friday at the Harold Brown Recreation Center, Frank Ave. and Pontoon Road. Call 877-0350 for more information.

PONTOON BEACH SENIOR CITIZENS pot luck dinner the last Saturday of each month at 3910 Highway 111, Pontoon Beach.

SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB, meets the first Sunday of the month at the Nelson Hagnauer Township Hall. The first Sunday of each month (the month). Doors open 12:30 p.m. and refreshments served at 1 p.m. Games start at 2 p.m. Call 877-1215 for more information. Every other month on the fourth Monday of each month, 6 p.m., 6 p.m. light refreshments served, and dance or bingo starts at 7 p.m.

SOCIAL CLUB, business meeting, 6 p.m., fourth Monday of every other, Nelson Hagnauer Township Hall. Dessert is served following the meeting. Games and bingo are played at 7 p.m. Call 877-1215 for more details.

PONTOON BEACH SENIOR CITIZENS, meeting, third Tuesday or each month, 7 p.m., 3910 Highway 111, Pontoon Beach.

Support Groups

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP, for patients, their families and caregivers, 6:30 p.m., second Wednesday of each month, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Refreshments are served. Call 798-3018 for more information.

PULMONARY SUPPORT GROUP, for persons with diagnosed lung condition, 11 a.m. to noon every Wednesday at Doctors' Square, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 798-3019.

AL-ANON, 8:30 a.m. every Monday, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 800-307-6600. For more information, call 341-3643 or 865-7831.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. every Wednesday, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 800-307-6600.

AL-ANON ADULT CHILDREN meets at 7 p.m. every Wednesday at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, 2100 Madison Ave. in the Kettler Center. Thursday meetings are in Conference Rm. A. Call 463-2429 for more information.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 8 p.m. every Wednesday, St. Elizabeth School's Noah's Ark Day Care, Pontoon Road, Granite City. The meetings are closed except for the last Wednesday of the month.

PARENTS ANONYMOUS GROUP, meets 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., first and third Thursday of each month. For information on where meeting will be, call Elaine Searcy at 462-2714 or Lyle Curberry at 876-2362.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SELF-HELP GROUP meets from 7 to 9 p.m., second Thursday of each month, in the PASCAL Hall at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave. in Granite City. Call 797-2760 or 451-6738 for more information.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m., third Thursday of each month, at the President's Room, inside Bonaventure's Cafeteria, on the ground floor of St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave. The group focuses on addressing the questions and concerns of caregivers and family members of people with Alzheimer's. All meetings are open to community members. Call 798-3019 for more information.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 8 p.m. every Thursday, 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 800-307-6600.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 8 p.m. every Thursday, 2116 Club, 2116 Edison Ave., Granite City, 800-307-6600.

AL-ANON, 7 p.m. every Thursday, St. Elizabeth Hospital, 2100 Madison Ave. Kettler Center, Conference Rm. A. For more information, call 463-2429.

ALATEEN AND PRELATEEN PROGRAM for 12 to 17 age group, and prelateen for seven to 11 year age group, meets at 7:30 p.m. every Thursday at St. Elizabeth Hospital, 2100 Madison Ave. Kettler Center, Day room. For more information call 463-2429.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, Seeking recovery, 8 p.m. every Thursday, 2116 Delmar Ave., 24-hour hot line 398-9408.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS DIVORCED AND SEPARATED CATHOLICS, second Friday of each month (September through May) 7:30 p.m., St. Boniface School, 128 N. Buchanan, Edwardsville.

HEREDITARY ATAXIA (a disorder of the nervous system involving cerebellum) SUPPORT GROUP meets the second and fourth Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Williams, 877-5172, for information.

AL-ANON meets at 8 p.m. every Friday in the Milonski Room in the basement at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Call 463-2429 for more information.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, noon and 8 p.m., every Friday, 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 800-307-6600.

STEMS (Support Together for Emotional and Mental Serenity and Sobriety), A support group for people with a mental illness and an alcohol or substance abuse problem, meets every Friday from 130 to 2:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 798-3019.

DEPRESSIVE MANIC DEPRESSIVE ASSOCIATION OF MADISON COUNTY will meet from 1 to 3 p.m., every Friday, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2116 Edison, in the Milonski Room located in the basement. For more information call the DMDA office at 614-776-3869.

DEPRESSED ANONYMOUS will meet at three locations in the metro-east: at 7 p.m. every Tuesday at First Baptist Church, 534 St. Louis Street, Edwardsville, at 7 p.m. every Thursday at Holy Cross Episcopal Church, 8901 Old Lincoln Trail, Fairview Heights; and at 7 p.m. every Saturday at St. George's Episcopal Church, 1340 N. 11th St., Belleville. For more information, call 932-8757, or 277-3788.

RIVERS OF WATER WORSHIP CENTER SUPPLY GROUP meets the first and third Saturday of each month, at 1307 Madison Avenue, for more information call 463-2429 and restore. Group membership is open to all who are broken - at no cost. Worship service will follow each third Saturday at 11:30 a.m.

For more information, call 341-3643 or 865-7831.

OBSESSIVE/COMPULSIVE DISORDER SUPPORT GROUP, meets the third Saturday of each month, at Von Gontard Conference Center at St. John's Medical Center, 615 South New Ballas Road, 10 a.m. Meeting is free and open to OCD patients, family and friends. For information call (314) 642-7228.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 8 p.m. every Saturday, 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 800-307-6600.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, Acceptance, 8 p.m., every Saturday, 2016 Delmar Ave., 24-hour hot-line 398-9408.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 1:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., every Sunday, 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 800-307-6600.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, Live the Steps, 8 p.m. every Sunday, 2016 Delmar Ave., 24-hour hot line 398-9408.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 8 p.m. every Thursday, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, PASCAL Hall, main floor, Granite City, 800-307-6600.

PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP, 3 to 4 p.m., third Sunday of each month, at Central Christian Church, 2020 Johnson Road, Granite City. The group, men only, meet in the church's Terrace Room, enter through the Fellowship Hall door on the east side of the building. There is no charge. For more information phone Roger Zollars, and evening, at 656-5438.

ARTHRITIS SUPPORT GROUP, 7 p.m., fourth Monday of each month, Alton Memorial Hospital cafeteria, Room B.

CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY RELAPSE PREVENTION GROUP meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. every Monday at the Edwardsville Health Center, 1123 University Drive in Edwardsville. The group focuses on eliminating relapse-prone thinking, feeling and behavior patterns and helping group members grow in sobriety. For more information, call 398-3688.

NEGLECTED VICTIMS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE, a support group for nonoffending parents of victims, meets from 6 to 7:30 p.m. every Monday at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville's Rape and Sexual Abuse Center. Call 682-2197 for details.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP, 1 to 3 p.m., first Tuesday of each month, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 798-3456.

ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL OF MADISON COUNTY (AMI) meets the first Tuesday of each month from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Mental Health Clinic, 600 Industrial Drive, Granite City. For information call 798-3504.

CUPFUL/ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL will meet at the First Church of God, 1505 Market Ave., East St. Louis, every fourth Saturday of each month from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more information contact Pamela Perry at (314) 868-8031.

BETTER BREATHERS, support group of those with chronic lung condition, second Tuesday of each month, 1 p.m., PASCAL Hall, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 798-3116.

MASTECTOMY SUPPORT GROUP, 7 to 9 p.m., PASCAL Hall, main floor, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, second Tuesday of each month, 798-3510.

LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS SUPPORT GROUP, sub-chapter of Illinois Lupus Foundation, 7:30 p.m., third Tuesday of each month, Memorial Hospital auditorium, Belleville, 633-7750, ext. 560.

PARENTS OF MURDERED CHILDREN, St. Louis Chapter, 8 to 10 p.m., the third Tuesday of each month at the American Cancer Society Building, 4201 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis. For more information call 452-2149 or (314) 391-2230.

SPOUSE SUPPORT GROUP, sponsored by Nameoki United Methodist Church, meets the third Tuesday of each month. For meeting time and (See CALENDAR, Page 12B).

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MOVIE SCHEDULE

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ALTON CINE

2840 Clair St., 462-1131
Mortal Kombit 2 (PG-13) 5:00, 7:15
The Rainmaker (PG-13) 4:30, 7:00

CARMIKE PETITE

170 and Hwy. 157, Collinsville, Ill. 344-1708
Home Alone 3 (PG) 7:15, 9:20
The Rainmaker (PG-13) 7:00, 9:45
Alien Resurrection (R) 7:30, 10:00
Flubber (PG) 7:00, 9:00

EASTGATE CINE

Eastgate Plaza, E. Alton, Ill. 264-5289
Flubber (PG) 5:00, 7:15
Scream 2 (R) 4:00, 7:00
For Richer Or Poorer (PG-13) 5:15, 7:30
Home Alone 3 (PG-13) 4:15, 6:45
Midnight in the Garden of Good & Evil (R) 4:30, 7:45
Anastasia (G) 4:30, 6:45

COTTONWOOD CINEMA

Edwardsville, Ill. 656-6380
Scream 2 (R) 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Mortal Kombit 2 (PG-13) 4:30, 7:15, 9:30
Flubber (PG) 4:15, 6:45, 9:15

CROSS KEYS CINEMA

110 Cross Keys Shopping Center
Lindbergh & New Halls Ferry, 921-8999
George Of The Jungle (PG) 5:00
Soul Food (R) 7:00
Money Talks (R) 9:15
Hercules (G) 5:00
Men In Black (PG-13) 7:15
Switchback (R) 9:15

HALLS FERRY 14 CINE

2600 Target Drive, 482-4900
For Richer Or Poorer (PG-13) 1:15, 4:50, 8:00
Devil's Advocate (R) 1:05, 7:35
Starship Troopers (R) 4:05
Mortal Kombit 2 (PG-13) 1:10, 4:15, 7:20, 9:20
Scream 2 (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30
Scream 2 (R) 2:30, 5:30, 8:15
Scream 2 (R) 3:30, 6:30, 9:00
Alien Resurrection (R) 1:00, 4:50, 8:20
The Jackal (R) 1:30, 4:30, 8:10
Eve's Bayou (R) 2:50, 5:15, 7:45
The Rainmaker (PG-13) 1:20, 4:10, 6:55
I Know What You Did Last Summer (R) 1:20, 4:45, 7:10, 9:20

Flubber (PG) 1:40, 5:05, 7:15, 9:15
Home Alone 3 (PG) 1:05, 4:35, 7:00, 9:10
Anastasia (G) 1:35, 4:40, 7:00, 9:05

LINCOLN THEATER

103 E. Main, Belleville, Ill. 233-0123
Excess Baggage (PG-13) 7:15, 9:15
Soul Food (R) 7:00, 9:20
Switchback (R) 7:05, 9:25

NAMEOKI CINEMA

30 Nameoki Village, 877-8630
I Know What You Did Last Summer (R) 7:30
Starship Troopers (R) 7:00

O'FALLON 15 CINE

1320 Central Park Dr., O'Fallon, Ill. 822-4900
For Richer Or Poorer (PG-13) 2:30, 5:00, 8:05
For Richer Or Poorer (PG-13) 1:15, 4:15, 7:10, 9:50
Starship Troopers (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:55
Flubber (PG) 2:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:00

Flubber (PG) 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 8:00, 10:00
Home Alone 3 (PG) 2:30, 4:50, 7:20, 9:30
Home Alone 3 (PG) 3:05, 5:30, 7:50
Midnight in the Garden of Good & Evil (R) 1:20, 4:30, 8:00
The Jackal (R) 1:30, 4:00, 7:05, 9:45
Anastasia (G) 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30
Kiss The Girls (R) 1:30, 4:10, 7:05, 9:45
Boogie Nights (R) 1:30, 4:30, 8:00
The Man Who Knew Too Little (PG-13)

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Wednesday, Dec. 17
Mars enters Aquarius, creating an exciting beginning to intellectual expansion on individual and group levels. Those who ride the wave by reading, signing up for classes and asking profound questions, will gain financial rewards. The moon, in dynamic Leo, opposes Uranus today.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). A health concern is erased. Shop around before investing. You do better work when you're truly passionate. An intellectual accomplishment may not feel like much, but it is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Group activities can thrive with your help. Get out of an uncomfortable predicament while you can. Children will benefit if you compromise. A Gemini is attentive.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). An intense drama reminds you that things could change. Beautify your home, and you'll be more at ease. Make sure you're included in family decisions. Cultural events are good places to meet people.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A project is moved forward, thanks to behind-the-scenes support. Allow a needy coworker to grab the spotlight, and you'll appear stronger. Maintain your high standards without being intolerant.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You have more to offer now, so contact key business associates again. A hearing places you in

a favorable light. Take care of your body, and slow down. Your impeccable track record will speed up a decision.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 17). You sparkle and shine on the career front. Even if you're not in the work force, you'll find that all your projects take on a dynamic pace. A career option might require some training. Selfbacks can be turned in your favor if you heed a Leo or Capricorn. Money

flows to you in mid-January.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Manage your money with foresight. Sign a document without delay. Your home offers you cozy companionship. The spotlight is on communication. Nobody can make your sweetie as happy as you can.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). More money is available for your artistic projects. Time is of the essence, so discard any-

thing that is wasteful. Go with the flow at home, or tempers may flare. Fresh air can do wonders, so get out and enjoy it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are too busy to be romantic, until later, when someone sweeps you off your feet. Maintain a tight schedule, and others are impressed. Invest in a plant to brighten your home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Celebrate an accomplish-

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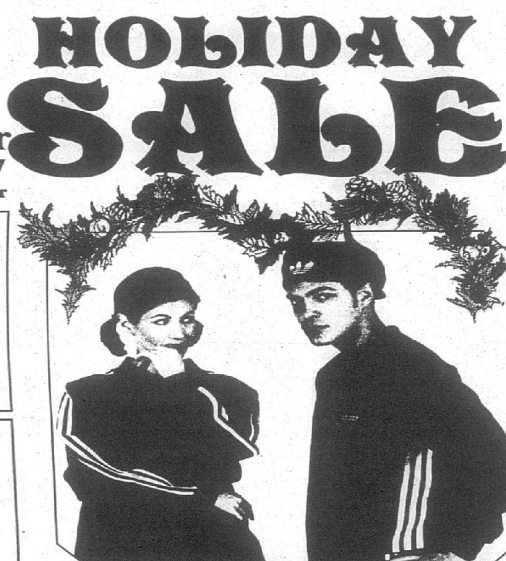
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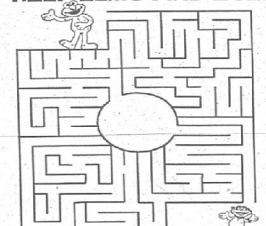
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SIU narrows list of firms for improvement contracts

By Linda Weller
Telegraph staff writer

Southern Illinois University trustees took further steps Thursday to line up architectural and engineering firms for capital improvements to the Edwardsville, Alton and East St. Louis campuses.

After advertising for qualified professionals and screening hopefuls, the Board of Trustees agreed to allow university officials to negotiate with several finalists on contracts.

The plans include improving the mechanical systems in Alton and Edwardsville, estimated to cost \$1.33 million; sidewalk repairs at SIUE costing \$250,000; expansion of the weight room in the Student Health and Fitness Center at SIUE, which may cost \$600,000; and planning for the renovation or replacement of the East St. Louis Center.

Planning for the center is budgeted at \$400,000; estimated cost of replacing the center is \$11.8 million.

Officials from SIU submitted the preferred firms' names to the state's Capital Development Board.

The university board approved negotiating with the following firms at their monthly meeting held in Carbondale: Woolpert LLP of Belleville, Ross & Baruzzi of Illinois

Plans are to expand the weight room in the Student Health and Fitness Center at SIUE at a cost of about \$600,000.

boro, all for the mechanical systems project.

Hurst-Rosche and Oates Associates, Collinsville, for sidewalk repairs.

EWIT Associates and FGM Inc., both of Belleville, and Cannon of Edwardsville, for architectural/engineering services in connection with the Student Health and Fitness Center expansion.

Woolpert, FGM and Cannon for plans, recommendations and specifications as to whether the East St. Louis Center should be renovated and replaced.

The firms were listed in order of preference by university officials.

In Edwardsville, the university plans to add 4,150 square feet to the southwest corner of the Student Health and Fitness Center adjacent to the Vadalabene Center.

SIUE chancellor David Wer-

ner said the extra space would allow weight trainers and aerobic sessions to have separate facilities.

In East St. Louis, the architect or engineer who wins the contract will recommend either building a new center or renovating the old one, which was built around the beginning of the century. The building is in need of extensive repairs.

In other business, trustees discussed lowering out-of-state tuition, particularly to attract international students to Carbondale.

The university charges non-residents three times the in-state rate; the proposal is to lower the charge to twice that rate.

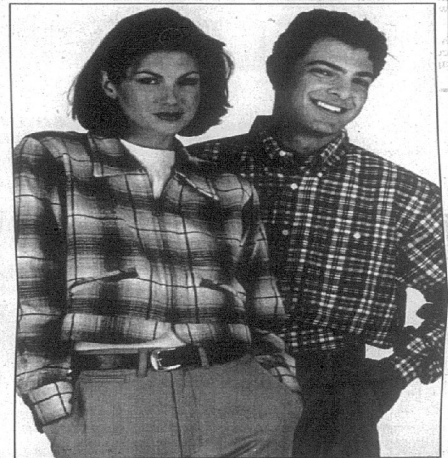
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19. \$10.00. RSVP to Theresa,
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GATEWAY SOUNDS CHORUS, 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Collinsville Senior Citizen Center, 420 E. Main, Collinsville. For more information, call Joyce Greiner at 398-8853.

By Lonnel Cole
Correspondent

The holiday season just isn't what it used to be for Amber Bibbs.

It's bigger and better, in an emotional sense.

Previously, Bibbs viewed the traditional Christmas-New Year period in a materialistic, commercialized manner. She now approaches it in a broader, introspective sense, for Bibbs has discovered the "spirit of Kwanzaa" and wouldn't have it any other way.

"I think the biggest distinction in Christmas and Kwanzaa is the self-realization I feel with Kwanzaa," said Bibbs, who lives in University City. "Christmas is more superficial in terms of the commercialism and taking the kids to see a Santa Claus. Kwanzaa has instilled more pride in me as an African-American."

"Kwanzaa is neither religious, political or heroic. It's just a cultural celebration," Bibbs said.

Indeed, Kwanzaa, which is formally observed from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1, is a celebration of African traditions, practices and symbols centering on seven principles. They include:

unity (umoja), self determination (kujichagulia), collective work and responsibility (ujima), cooperative economics (ujamaa), purpose (nia), creativity (kummba) and faith (imani).

Since its inception, Kwanzaa has garnered a groundswell of support throughout the United States, Canada, England and the Caribbean. Locally, more than 4,000 students participated in Kwanzaa workshops and educational summits as part of a recent Kwanzaa Holiday Expo at America's Center.

Overall, an estimated 20,000 attended the weekend expo, which featured African entertainment contests, social forums and mainstream entertainment among other things.

Bibbs said she started celebrating Kwanzaa a few years ago after being influenced by her brother, Antoine Coffey, owner of Afrocentric Expressions, an African specialty

"The seventh day we really make a big deal out of it, with Imani being named after it," Bibbs said. "Friends and family come over."

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Today's Food

Wednesday, December 17, 1997

Food & Nutrition

Wise Ways

Have yourself a merry little time in the kitchen. Don't bother to turn on a stove to turn out culinary mixes. To give them away, layer ingredients in sealable bag or give in a tin or jar with a bow.

Heart-y Bites

To yield healthier results this holiday season, avoid foods and situations that flirt with one's willpower. Move away from the tempting buffet table or kitchen to enjoy friendly conversation.

Blue Ribbon Cook

Take advantage of seasonal specials on shrimp with a winning recipe for pasta.

Test Run

Anyone who celebrates a birthday with an annual potato mashing (but wishes mom would move in one hour a month to fix them) may be intrigued by boxes of flavored mashed potatoes.

Micro Raves

When making sweets, be creative. Vary flavors. Use equipment that helps get the job done. Chocolate melted in a microwave oven needs frequent stirring, because it doesn't change shape.

Lively Taste

Picadillo in Spanish translates as 'hash' or 'minced meat.' For a satisfying family dinner, start by cooking 1-1/2 pounds lean ground pork, 1/2 cup chopped onion, 1/2 cup chopped green bell pepper and 1 clove garlic, minced, 5 minutes until pork is lightly browned. Stir in 1 can (15 ounces) whole tomatoes (cut up), 3/4 cup chopped dried apricots or raisins, 12 pimiento-stuffed olives (sliced), 2 tablespoons chopped almonds and 3 tablespoons chili powder. Simmer, covered, 10 minutes. In large saucepan, bring 2 cans (14-1/2 ounces each) chicken broth to boil. Gradually stir in 2 cups cornmeal. Mix well. Spoon cornmeal mixture into 13-by-9-inch baking dish coated with nonstick cooking spray. Top with pork mixture. Cover with aluminum foil. Bake in preheated 350 degree oven 30 minutes. Cut in 12 squares to serve. Each portion has 226 calories and 7 g fat.

Health & Fitness

Medicine Chest

New animal data indicates vitamin E may help traditional anticancer drugs combat tumors. Because it untested in humans and is a fat-soluble vitamin, too much of it may prove to be bad. Consult a doctor or pharmacist before taking extra vitamin E.

Fresh Picks

Want to do something more than open a bag of baby carrots for nibbling? Try them Mollie Katzen's way. In her new book, "Vegetable Heaven" (Hyperion, \$27.50), she suggests an easy pickling. In a medium saucepan, combine 1-1/2 cups water, 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar, 1 teaspoon salt and 1 tablespoon mustard seeds. Heat just to boiling. Stir in 2 tablespoons honey until it dissolves. Add 1-1/2 pounds baby carrots, 6 to 8 medium cloves garlic and at least 2 sprigs fresh dill. Lower heat. Simmer about 10 minutes until carrots are desired tenderness. Cool to room temperature. Add 2 more tablespoons balsamic vinegar and, if desired, another sprig or two of dill. Chill in tightly covered container.

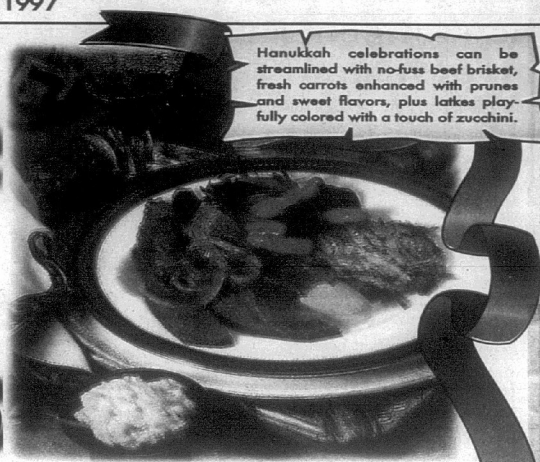
Big Fat Tip

For an elegant topping to a meat serving, mix together 1/2 cup light sour cream, 2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice, 1 teaspoon prepared horseradish, 1/2 teaspoon sugar and 1/4 teaspoon salt. Makes about 1/2 cup, 2 grams fat and 25 calories per tablespoon-size dollop.

Future Shop

The color of noodles has little to do with taste or quality, but Caucasian Americans find a bright yellow color from using durum wheat crucial to good quality, while Asians like noodles made of soft wheat, which produces an off-white color. In a food science study at the University of Missouri-Columbia, Asians were more tolerant in accepting different appearance attributes. Because of this unexpected bias, participants judging texture sat in booths with special lighting so color would not affect their judgment.

Create a Classic



Hanukkah celebrations can be streamlined with no-fuss beef brisket, fresh carrots enhanced with prunes and sweet flavors, plus latkes playfully colored with a touch of zucchini.

By Janice Denham
Staff writer

Sometimes the December holidays are bogged down in detail, rather than set on the table with their special occasion fun. Whether a family celebrates Christmas or Hanukkah, classic dishes tweak a meal with tradition and drape it in rich color amid the shimmering delight of candles.

Decking the halls and filling the table take over much of this month's calendar.

Each of these meals starts with a piece of beef that serves more than a small family. While it takes a little time to cook it to perfect doneness, it needs no attention. Using a meat thermometer in a roast ensures best results.

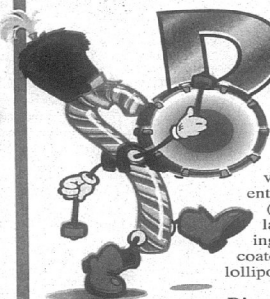
Beef roast is easy to prepare. Just place it in a shallow roasting pan without water or cover in a preheated oven, then bake it until done. Let it stand 15 minutes outside the oven, so the temperature rises to finish cooking the roast and the meat becomes firm to make carving easier.

Beef brisket should be browned, then simmered under cover, to help it become tender. Boiling toughens the meat, so there is no reason to raise the temperature above simmer. The full-flavored juices that collect can be cooked down so their body combines with horseradish for a richly browned sauce.

Horseradish is a classic condiment that stands up to beef's heartiness. It can be used

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For a warm Christmas feast, let the oven take over browning a roast rubbed with a flavorful crust and heating stuffed potatoes prepared a day early.



DRUMMER'S CAKE

Ingredients: Have ready 1 package (2 layers) any flavor cake mix, with ingredients needed to bake it; 2 tubs (12 to 16 ounces each) vanilla frosting; green food coloring; thin pretzel sticks; color-coated chocolate candies, and 2 lollipops on sticks.

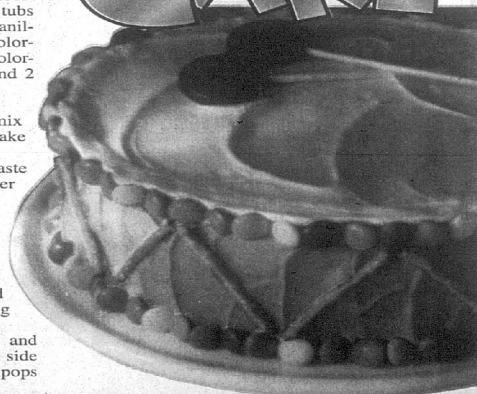
Directions: Prepare cake mix according to package directions in two 8-inch round cake pans. Cool completely.

Tint frosting in one tub with green food coloring. Paste colors, available with candy supplies, produce brighter green than liquid coloring.

Assembly: Place one cake layer upside-down on serving plate. Spread with half the vanilla frosting.

Top with second layer. Spread green frosting on side of cake. Spread remaining vanilla frosting on top.

Arrange pretzel sticks and colored chocolates on side of cake. Crisscross lollipops on top for drumsticks.



Kids' Cuisine

Today's Food

Test Run

Mashed potatoes' newest generation gives instant flavor

Kitchen pilots fly through meals with new ideas and old favorites. Whole generations now figure dishes like mashed potatoes come from boxes.

Instant mashed potatoes have had their detractors over the years, but an interest in flavors contributes to a new product, flavored mashed potatoes. Testers who ran them past eating companions found these products could merit a return flight.

One liked the product for her household, particularly for the fact the seasoning makes them a satisfying part of a meal served without gravy.

"The flavored instant potatoes are better than the unflavored ones," she said. "They were a bit stiff, but that is the way we like them."

The hearty male eaters at her house used the most popular flavors: the roasted garlic mashed potatoes she tried.

"The flavor wasn't overpowering, with just a hint of garlic. It is a nice side dish for meat," she said. The products are made by Betty Crocker. Each box, at \$1.49 at Dierbergs, comes with two separate packets for a smaller meal. Hot water, milk and margarine are the only extra ingredients needed. The dish, ready in eight minutes according to the package, can be prepared on a conventional stovetop or in a microwave oven.

Another tester, who used the

sour cream and chives flavor, said she would buy them again.

"They were extremely easy to prepare. These had really good flavor," she said.

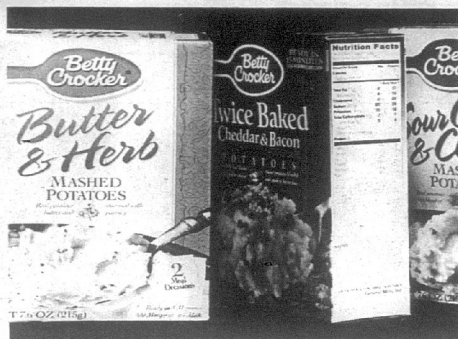
She shared them with a friend who considered himself "an expert at instant mashed potatoes."

He gave them a high rating. His synopsis was they had a better consistency than most mashed potatoes and the flavor was more moderate than expected based on the aroma of the sour cream and chives when the package was opened.

A tester noted that, like many seasoned side dishes, they are high in sodium, with a range of 400 to 500 milligrams per serving.

As another potato alternative, a tester made Betty Crocker twice-baked cheddar and bacon potatoes. His response also was positive.

"The dish was good. It didn't have a real creamy consistency. It had more of the taste of cheddar and bacon than potatoes," he said.



Lovers of mashed potatoes are looking for a match when they choose instant varieties already seasoned.

He called the results "rich," so he might choose mashed potatoes more often. On a second try, he would use the lower-fat directions on the package to check results.

His appreciation was reflected in the effort it took to prepare the dish. He found the most time-consuming part was boiling water.

"I served it with a roast that cooked in the crockpot all day, so that evening I had very elaborate meal that was easily prepared," he said.

"I've never made twice-baked potatoes before, but I know people who have and it takes a while. It turned out very well with the combination of the bacon and cheddar being very distinct."

Classic

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directly or added to steamed green beans. It adds zing to meat juices, dairy sour cream

HERB-CRUSTED BEEF RIB ROAST

6 to 8 lb. well-trimmed beef rib roast (2 to 4 ribs) small end, back bone removed (by butcher, if desired)

Salt
2 tbsp. minced fresh parsley
1 tbsp. leaf thyme
1 tbsp. oil
2 tsp. cracked black pepper
4 cloves garlic, crushed
1-3/4 cups Creamy Horseradish Sauce

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine parsley, thyme, oil, cracked pepper and garlic. Press evenly into surface of beef.

Place roast fat-side up in

or even cranberry sauce. Always start with a small amount to find a level of flavor that attracts the taste buds.

shallow roasting pan. Insert ovenproof meat thermometer so tip is centered in thickest part, not resting in fat or touching bone. Do not add water or cover. Roast in preheated oven 2-1/4 to 2-1/2 hours for medium-rare; 2-3/4 to 3 hours for medium doneness.

Remove roast when thermometer registers 135 degrees for medium-rare, 150 degrees for medium doneness. On carving board, tent loosely with aluminum foil. Let stand 15 minutes so temperature rises to 145 degrees for medium-rare, 160 degrees for medium doneness.

Carve roast in slices. Season with salt as desired. Serve with Creamy Horseradish Sauce. Makes about eight (6-ounce) servings.

CREAMY HORSERADISH SAUCE

In 1-quart bowl, combine 2 cups sour cream, 1/2 cup prepared horseradish, 1/2 cup milk, 2 tablespoons snipped fresh chives and 1/4 teaspoon ground white pepper. Mix well to blend. Refrigerate until ready to use. Makes 2-3/4 cups.

HORSERADISH STUFFED POTATOES

8 (8 oz. each) baking potatoes, scrubbed
1 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. white pepper
1 cup Creamy Horseradish Sauce
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter, softened
1/4 cup plus 1 tbsp. diced red bell pepper
1 tbsp. snipped chives

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Pierce potatoes several times with fork. On oven rack in preheated oven, bake 1 hour or until cooked through and

tender. Cool 5 minutes. Cut off top third of potatoes. Place potato pulp from top in large bowl. Scoop pulp from potato bottoms, leaving 1/4-inch-thick shells.

Mash all potato pulp. Season with salt and pepper. Stir in Creamy Horseradish Sauce, butter and 1/4 cup bell pepper. Spoon potato mixture into shells. Place on baking sheet. Refrigerate, covered, overnight.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bake refrigerated potatoes about 45 minutes until heated through and lightly browned. Sprinkle with chives and bell pepper. Makes 8 stuffed potatoes.

BEEF BRISKET WITH HORSEY SAUCE

4 to 4-1/2 lb. fresh beef brisket (first cut, flat half), trimmed
1 tsp. oil
2 medium onions, thinly sliced
3/4 cup canned beef broth
2 cloves garlic, crushed
1 to 2 tbsp. prepared horseradish

In Dutch oven or deep 12-inch skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Brown brisket even-

ly. Remove from pan. Pour off drippings. In same pan, cook onion 3 minutes or until tender-crisp.

Return beef to pan with onion. Add broth and garlic. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low. Simmer, covered tightly, 3 to 3-1/2 hours until brisket is fork-tender. Remove meat to warm platter.

Increase heat to medium-high. Cook pan juices about 5 minutes until reduced by half. Stir in horseradish.

Carve brisket across grain in thin diagonal slices. Serve with sauce. Makes 6 to 7 servings.

SAVORY CARROTS AND PRUNES

1 cup ready-to-serve beef broth
1/3 cup packed brown sugar
1 tsp. fresh lemon juice
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1 pkg. (16 oz.) baby carrots (about 4 cups)
1 cup pitted prunes

In medium saucepan, combine broth, brown sugar, lemon juice and cinnamon. Cook and stir over medium heat until sugar is dissolved.

Add carrots. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low. Cover tightly. Simmer 10 minutes or until carrots are tender-crisp.

Add prunes. Increase heat to medium-high. Cook about 5 minutes until liquid is reduced and prunes are plump. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

POTATO-ZUCCHINI LATKES

3 medium potatoes, peeled
1 small zucchini (4 oz.)
1 small onion, finely chopped
2 tbsp. flour
1 egg, slightly beaten
3/4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
Oil

Shred potatoes and zucchini, using large sides of hand grater or shredder of food

processor. Press out as much liquid as possible.

In large bowl, combine potato and zucchini, onion, flour, egg, salt and pepper.

In large nonstick skillet, heat about 1/8-inch oil over medium heat. Drop potato mixture by heaping tablespoonful into skillet. Flatten pancakes with back of spoon. Cook 3 to 4 minutes per side until golden brown. Repeat until all potato mixture is cooked.

Drain on paper towels. Serve immediately. Makes about 21 pancakes

Micro Raves

By JUDY EDDY

Settle for tradition on sweets, not cooking

CHOCO-COCO BOURBON BALLS

1/2 cup (1 stick) margarine
4-1/2 cups confectioner's sugar
1/2 cup finely chopped pecans
1/2 cup chopped coconut
1/4 cup bourbon
6 oz. milk chocolate chips
3 tbsp. half-and-half

Line baking sheet with waxed paper. In microwave-safe bowl, melt margarine on high power about 45 seconds until melted. Blend confectioner's sugar, pecans, coconut and bourbon with margarine. Refrigerate until firm. Shape sugar mixture into walnut-size balls. Lay on prepared baking sheet. Refrigerate to hold shape.

In microwave-safe bowl, microwave chocolate chips and half-and-half on medium (50 percent) power 1-1/2 to 2 minutes until chips are melted. Stir until smooth.

Spoon 1 teaspoon chocolate mixture over each ball of candy. Chill until chocolate is set. Remove from waxed paper. Refrigerate, covered, until ready to serve.

CREAMY MICROWAVE FUDGE

12 oz. semisweet chocolate chips
6 oz. milk chocolate chips
1 can (14 oz.) sweetened condensed milk
1-1/2 tsp. almond extract
1/2 cup chopped walnuts
1 tsp. margarine
1/2 cup mini marshmallows

Line 8-inch square pan with waxed paper. In large microwave-safe bowl, combine semisweet and milk chocolate chips and condensed milk. Microwave on high power 2 to 2-1/2 minutes until chocolate is melted. Stir until mixture is smooth. Stir in nuts, margarine, almond extract and marshmallows. Mix until marshmallows are softened, but not completely melted. Pour into prepared pan. Refrigerate at least 1 hour. Lift fudge from pan with waxed paper. Cut in 1-inch squares.

Skip the messy cooking and cleanup that usually goes along with making sweet treats.

Delicious fudge and other sweets can be prepared in one bowl with minimal time stirring to avoid scorching.

Stove-top cooking heats mixtures from the bottom up, whereas microwave cooking is an all-over cooking process, so there is no need for continual stirring. A little attention paid to time and temperature yields fantastic results on many microwaved candies.

A few simple changes in technique take the worry out of preparation:

• Always use a large microwave-safe bowl with plenty of space to avoid boiling over the sugary syrups. If your kitchen does not have a mixing bowl with a handle, it is a good time to treat yourself for easy stirring and safe transfer in and out of the oven.

• High power is used for heating sugary syrups and fruit mixtures; reduce power to medium to melt chocolate. Chocolate is deceptive because it softens and melts, but still appears solid. When lightly stirred or shaken, it quickly shows it is melted and ready for further mixing.

• Be creative at Christmas. Vary flavors. Not only vanilla, but almond extract also works well with chocolate. Chopped nuts in a recipe can be walnuts, almonds, unsalted peanuts, as well as pecans.

• Start a new family tradition this year by letting everyone get involved making candy. Sharing the end product, as well as the tasting and cleanup, gets everyone out of the kitchen faster. These quick traditional Christmas candy recipes will bring a smile to everyone's face as quickly as a wink from Santa.

Home economist Judy Eddy specializes in microwave cooking.

MINI TURNOVERS

Place 1 frozen pie crust on waxed paper. Thaw about 10 minutes. Press gently to flatten. Cut in circles with 3-inch cutter or cut around jar lid. Spoon about 1/2 teaspoon cream cheese, pie filling or jam on each. Moisten edge. Fold in half. Press firmly with fork to seal. Bake in preheated 400 degree oven about 8 minutes.

BROCCOLI STIR-FRY

Heat small amount of peanut oil in hot wok or heavy skillet. Stir-fry peeled and deveined shrimp or bite-size pieces of skinless, boneless chicken breast over medium-high heat 2 to 5 minutes until color changes. Remove from heat. Add bite-size florets of broccoli, sliced scallion and snow peas. Stir-fry 4 minutes.

Add minced garlic, reduced-sodium soy sauce and a few drops of sesame oil. Return shrimp or chicken to wok. Stir. Steam, covered, 1 to 2 minutes.

Serve immediately with hot cooked rice.

VINTNERS TAKE TOP HONORS

Two Missouri wineries recently stomped out international competitors at the 12th Annual Commercial Wine Competition in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Stone Hill Winery, Hermann, captured a gold medal for its 1994 Norton, while St. James Winery, St. James, took home a gold medal for its 1996 Vintner's Reserve Vignoles. Judges awarded only 56 gold medals from among 1,143 entries of 200 wineries.

St. James Winery also took best-of-show for the same wine at the Tennessee Farm Wine Growers Association's 1997 Annual Wine Competition. Stone Hill Winery won second overall at the tasting, with a total of nine medals.

Today's Food

Blue Ribbon Cook

Shrimp pasta wins; winter veggies next

Barb Bartels, St. Charles, is the winner of this week's recipe contest for Fiesta Shrimp Pasta. Her prize is dinner certificates at the Pasta House Co.

This is an easy, elegant main dish for the holidays. She considers it as delicious warmed the second day. Recipes for the Winter Vegetable and Fruit Recipe Contest are due Dec. 31. Any type of dish or beverage that uses any fruit or vegetable that is abundant this time of year is welcome.

Send a single recipe to: Winter Vegetable and Fruit Recipe Contest, Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, 63131.

Entries will be judged for a prize of dinner certificates from Pasta House Co. to be awarded each of the four Wednesdays during January.

Type or print it legibly on one side of the paper. Include name, address and telephone number on the entry. Name the *Journal* you receive.

Be sure to double-check the recipe as it is written for both amounts and directions. Include any variations that make this dish special.

If there is a history to the recipe, it will be considered part of the entry. Along with taste and eye appeal, it will be among criteria used for selecting winners. Originality will be considered, although the recipe

need not be original. If possible, name the recipe's source.

Winners are notified by mail. Duplicate entries will be considered on the basis of earlier entry or best compliance with the rules. Contest winners may enter again six months after their prize-winning publication date.

FIESTA SHRIMP PASTA

12 oz. uncooked spinach fettuccine
4 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil

1 lb. medium shrimp, cleaned, deveined
1 red bell pepper, chopped
2 portabella mushrooms, chopped

½ jar (8 oz. size) sundried tomatoes in oil, chopped
1 tsp. minced garlic
1 tsp. sweet basil
Grated parmesan cheese

Cook pasta according to package directions.

When pasta comes to boil, heat oil over medium-high heat.

Saute mushrooms 2 to 3 minutes, stirring constantly.

Add pepper and shrimp. Cook about 3 minutes until shrimp turn pink. Add garlic, basil and tomato. Drain pasta. Toss shrimp mixture with pasta.

Heart-y Bites

By ERICA SACHS

Party animal stays on the weight leash

Holidays can be a calorie-conscious person's worst nightmare. Not only are they filled with parties, often spread over a long weekend, but there is a constant ambush from chocolate candy, platters of homemade cookies, mounds of hors d'oeuvres and drinks that don't quit.

This barrage does not mean disaster. A few tactics encourage enjoyment of these once-a-year foods without overeating:

- Don't waste — or wait — calories on less than favorite foods. Chips, nuts, pretzels and party mixes usually fall into this category. These are foods a person grabs impulsively and munches unconsciously.
- Pace drinks. Plan to have no more than two alcoholic drinks over the course of a party. Switch to lower-calorie wine spritzers (80 calories per cup) or champagne (70 calories per 3 ounces or

3/8 cup) over spiked egg-nog and punches (203 to 220 per ½ cup). Space them out by sipping sparkling water to keep mouth and hands busy in a non-fattening way.

- Be choosy about food combinations. Parties attract loads of high-calorie combos, like pate and crackers, chips and dip. Just because they are matched without thought does not mean they must be eaten that way.

What happens? Instantly their fatty aroma flirts with one's willpower.

Registered dietitian Erica Sachs is a member of the nutrition committee of the American Heart Association, St. Louis Chapter.

pastry in circle 1 inch larger than inverted pan. Ease into pan. Trim and flute edge. In medium bowl, beat pumpkin, milk and eggs. Beat in sweetener, salt, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg and cloves.

Pour pumpkin mixture into pastry shell. Bake in preheated oven 15 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 350°. Bake about 40 minutes longer until knife inserted near center comes out clean. Cool on wire rack.

Makes 8 servings; 219 calories (41 percent fewer than original), 9 g protein, 28 g carbohydrate, 8 g fat, 81 mg cholesterol and 282 mg sodium each.

REDUCED-CALORIE SPICED PUMPKIN PIE

Unbaked pastry for single-crust pie

1 can (16 oz.) pumpkin
1 can (12 oz.) evaporated milk
3 eggs

5½ tsp. aspartame sweetener (such as Equal from packets)
¼ tsp. salt
1 tsp. cinnamon
¼ tsp. ground ginger
¼ tsp. nutmeg
1/8 tsp. cloves

Preheat oven to 425°. On floured surface, roll

Wise Ways

By CAROL SCHLITT

Make a stir in kitchen to bag up batch of gifts for a very merry holiday

Keep the "merry" in merry-go-round of holiday events. Unique food gifts that are both easy and fun to make are creations appreciated by both giver and receiver.

This is a chance to bond with your own kitchen. The time offers a blessed retreat from the madness of the malls.

Often pre-packaged food gifts in mail-order catalogs and in stores are a huge temptation to buy, but then come the brakes when the numbers on fat and sugars and price are added.

Hand-crafting your own food gifts means recipes

can be low in fat, sodium and sugar, yet full of flavor — a present for heart, health and health.

Wish yourself happy mixing and try these quick and easy, nutritious gifts from the kitchen.

They can be given with happy thoughts and without turning on an oven.

Certified family and consumer scientist Carol C. Schlitt is extension educator of nutrition and wellness, for University of Illinois Extension Service at the Edwardsville Extension Center.

APPLE-CINNAMON BRAN MUFFIN MIX

5 cups flour
2½ cups firmly packed brown sugar
1 tsp. plus 2 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. salt
1½ tsp. cinnamon
½ tsp. nutmeg
1 cup dried buttermilk
1 cup shortening
1 pkg. (15 oz.) raisin bran cereal
1½ cups diced dried apple

Combine flour, brown sugar, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg and buttermilk. Cut in shortening until mixture resembles coarse meal.

Add tag to each package: Combine 1 package Apple-Cinnamon-Bran Muffin Mix 1 egg and 1 cup water, stirring until just moistened. Spoon evenly into 18 greased or paper-lined muffin tins. Bake in preheated 400° oven 15 minutes.

JAMBALAYA MIX

1 cup uncooked rice
1 tsp. dried onion flakes
1 tsp. dried green bell pepper flakes
1 tsp. dried parsley flakes
2 tsp. beef-flavored bouillon granules
½ tsp. black pepper
¼ tsp. garlic powder
¼ tsp. dried whole thyme
¼ tsp. red pepper

Combine rice, onion, bell pepper, parsley, bouillon, pepper, garlic powder, thyme and red pepper. Store in airtight container.

Add tag to package: Combine Jambalaya Mix, 2 cups water and 1 can (8 ounces) tomato sauce in large stock pot. Bring to boil. Reduce heat. Simmer, covered, 20 minutes. Stir in 1 pound low-fat smoked turkey sausage, sliced ¼-inch thick, and 1 cup diced cooked ham. Cook until thoroughly heated. Yields 6 servings.

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Today's Food

Whip up wholesome goody as memento of the season

Few gifts make a heartier stir this time of year than homemade goodies from the kitchen. Foods that are healthful, as well as festive, are twice as nice. Try making one or more of these simple, inventive presents that evoke delight with a minimum of time and expense on the giver's part.

• Fill a wine bottle with wine vinegar, spices and herbs to create herbed vinegar. Use it as a piquant flavor in everything from marinade to vinaigrette.

Place a handful of fresh herbs — such as basil, sage or tarragon, without chopping — in a clean wine bottle. Add 2 tablespoons spices, such as peppercorns or whole cloves and a high-quality red or white wine vinegar. Seal the bottle with a cork. The mixture should steep two weeks before using it. Before gift-giving time, decorate the cork with a ribbon and wrap the bottle in colorful fabric.

• Drink mixes are another simple, thoughtful gift to prepare easily. Friends and family will love a spiced mocha mix. In a blender, place 1/4 to 1/2 cup sugar, 1/4 cup freeze-dried coffee, 1/4 cup cocoa, 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg and

1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon. Blend 15 seconds. Stir, then blend 15 seconds longer. Place the powdered mix in a decorative holiday jar or tin. Attach preparation directions on a gift card. For each serving, place two to three teaspoons mix in a cup, fill with boiling water, stir.

• Homemade jam or jelly may seem like a formidable project, but an easy one like cranberry conserve is a snap to make. Simmer 2 cups water and 2 cups sugar in a large saucepan 10 minutes. Add 4 cups cranberries, grated peel of 1 orange and juice of 1 lemon. Cook over high heat 20 minutes until thick syrup forms. Ladle into hot, sterilized jars and seal. Store in the refrigerator or freezer.

• Baked goods like Apricot Drops are always a welcome gift, especially for people who have extra people around looking for a sweet bite to eat near the mistletoe.

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APRICOT DROPS

1 egg
3/4 cup packed brown sugar
2 tbsp. oil
1 tsp. orange juice
1 cup unbleached flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. grated orange rind
1/4 tsp. salt
1 cup coarsely chopped, dried apricot

Preheat oven to 350°. Coat 2 baking sheets with nonstick cooking spray.

Using electric mixer, beat egg, brown sugar, oil and orange juice thoroughly. Add flour, baking powder, orange rind and salt. Mix well. Add apricots. Stir to combine.

Drop batter by rounded teaspoonful about 2 inches apart on prepared baking sheets. Bake in preheated oven 10 to 12 minutes or until cookies are lightly browned.

Cool on wire rack. Makes 2 dozen cookies, 61 calories and 1 g fat each.

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HYDE PARK **CORN - PEAS** 4/99¢
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DIAPERS \$2.99
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32 OZ. JAR
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PRAIRIE FARMS SKIM - BUTTERMILK 2% - HOMO 1/2 GAL **MILK** 99¢
PHILADELPHIA **CREAM** 79¢
8 OZ. PKG.
PRAIRIE FARMS **CHEESE** 89¢
16 OZ. CARTON
HYDE PARK **ORANGE JUICE** 99¢
1/2 GAL
COOL **WHIP** 99¢
8 OZ. BOWL

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ALL VARIETIES **MIXED NUTS** \$1.69 LB.
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- Cottonelle Bath Tissue DOUBLE ROLL 4-CT. PKG.
- Florida's Natural Orange Juice 64-OZ. CTN.



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- RUSSET POTATOES 10-LB. BAG, NO. 6640
- PRAIRIE FARMS ICE CREAM HALF GALLON SQUARE, NO. 6702
- COTTONELLE BATH TISSUE DOUBLE ROLL, 4-ROLL PKG., NO. 6919
- FLORIDA'S NATURAL ORANGE JUICE 64-OUNCE CARTON, NO. 6527

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• STORE COUPON

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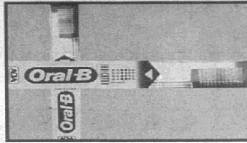
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Crescent Rolls

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8-OZ. PKG.



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2/129
8-OZ. TUB



OUR LOW SALE PRICE \$1.34
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Toothbrush

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Mouthwash

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PAIN RELIEVING OINTMENT

REGULAR, GREASELESS OR ULTRA
Ben Gay
Ointment
299
2-OZ. PKG.

SHOP'N SAVE
Cinnamon
Rolls..... **4/\$5**
14-CT. PKG.

SHOP'N SAVE
Sliced
Strawberries.. **2/129**
10-OZ. PKG.

SHOP'N SAVE
Round
Waffles..... **2/199**
11-OZ. PKG.

INTERSTATE
Hash Brown
Potatoes..... **2/119**
20-OZ. PKG.

SHOP'N SAVE
Split Top
Wheat Bread.... **99¢**
12-CT. PKG.

SHOP'N SAVE
Brown'n Serve
Rolls..... **99¢**
12-CT. PKG.

SHOP'N SAVE
Mandarin
Oranges..... **2/99**
15-CT. PKG.

SHOP'N SAVE
Whole
Asparagus..... **2/\$3**
15-CT. PKG.

ANTI-PERSPIRANT SOLID OR STICK
Right Guard or
Soft & Dri..... **2/\$3**
1.5-OZ. PKG.

Colgate Wave or
Total Toothbrushes **179**
EACH

Halls Zinc
Defense Lozenges **299**
24-CT. PKG.

OUR LOW SALE PRICE \$2.49
Aussie
Shampoo..... **149**
16-OZ. BTL.
AFTER \$1.00 OFF IN-AD COUPON IN-STORE

OUR LOW SALE PRICE \$3.99
CAVITY OR TABLET
Orudis
Ketoprofen..... **99¢**
10-CT. PKG.
AFTER \$3.00 OFF IN-AD COUPON IN-STORE

Schick Slim
Twin Razors.... **299**
10-CT. PKG.

90-CT. FIBERCON LAX TABLETS OR
Arid AR
Tablets..... **599**
30-CT. PKG.

MAXIMUM, OR NON-DROWSY
Contact Severe
or 12 Hr. Caps.. **299**
10-18-CT. PKG.

Sucrets
Lozenges..... **199**
18-CT. PKG.

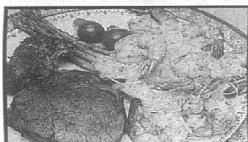
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12-CT. EXTENTARS OR
4-OZ. ELIXIR, PLAIN, DM
Dimetapp..... **299**
AFTER \$1.00 OFF IN-AD COUPON IN-STORE

Hearthside
Fire Starter..... **269**
12-PACK

**More Values
In-Store!**

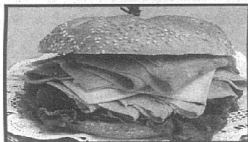
More Great Values In-Store

Seafood, Deli & Bakery



White
Shrimp

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LB.
50 TO 60-COUNT



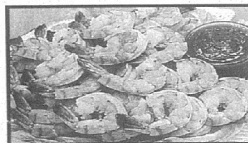
Patrick Cudahy
Boiled Ham

299
LB.



FRESH BAKED
Dinner Rolls

99¢
10-CT. PKG.



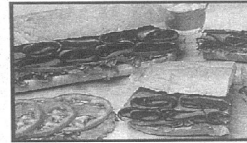
COOKED
Cocktail
Shrimp

999
LB.
35 TO 45-COUNT



ALL VARIETIES, WHOLE
Rotisserie
Chicken

399
EACH



MANDA ITALIAN BEEF,
Pastrami, Corned
Beef or Roast Beef

399
LB.

SMALL SIZE
Orange
Roughy Fillets... **399**
LB.

Kanimi
Crab Flakes..... **299**
LB.

WISCONSIN ALPINE LACE
Hot Pepper
Cheese..... **299**
LB.

COLE SLAW, MACARONI,
MUSTARD OR
American
Potato Salad... **99¢**
LB.

WISCONSIN
Lorraine
Swiss Cheese... **399**
LB.

MESQUITE OR HONEY
Jennie-O
Turkey..... **499**
LB.

FRESH BAKED
Apple Pie.... **2/\$5**
9-INCH

HOLIDAY DECORATED
Chocolate
Chip Cookies... **399**
24-COUNT

Reser's Dips.... **99¢**
EACH
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Home Essentials

Windshield
Washer Solvent

79¢
GALLON
LIMIT 6

OUR LOW SALE PRICE 2/\$3.98
Duracell Batteries
1 CT. 9-VOLT, 2 CT. C, 2 CT. D.

2/298
PKGS.
AFTER \$1.00 OFF COUPON AVAIL. IN-STORE
OUR LOW PRICE 2 PKGS. FOR \$4.98
4-CT. AA OR AAA
Duracell
Batteries..... **2/398**
AFTER \$1.00 OFF COUPON AVAIL. IN-STORE

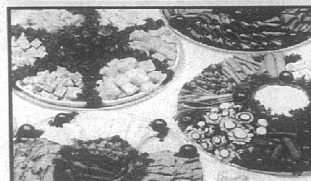
Fuji T-120
Video Tape

169
EACH

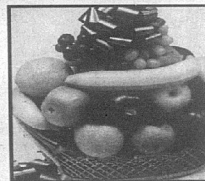
OUR LOW SALE PRICE \$8.99
Fuji Disposable
Camera with Flash

799
27-EXP. 800
SPEED
AFTER \$1.00 OFF COUPON AVAIL. IN-STORE
OUR LOW PRICE 2 PKGS. FOR \$5.58
24 EXPOSURE 200 SPEED
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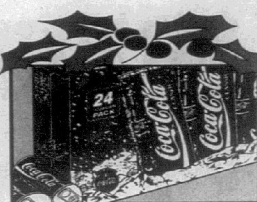
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2-LITERS 79¢



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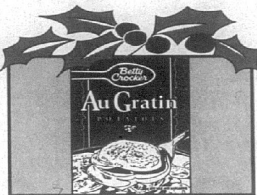
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CANS

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2-LITERS 79¢



GRANULATED
C & H Sugar

137
4-LB.
BAG



BETTY CROCKER
Specialty
Potatoes

89¢
4.5 TO
7.6-OZ.

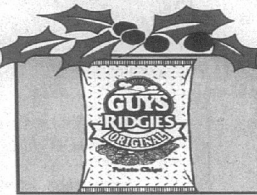
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SELECTED VARIETIES
Del Monte
Vegetables

2/79
11 TO
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CAN

LIMIT 6



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Guy's
Potato Chips

4/\$5
14-OZ.
BAG



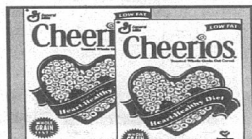
PRAIRIE FARMS
Sour Cream or
French Onion Dip

89¢
16-OZ.
TUB



C & H DARK BROWN,
Light Brown or
Powdered Sugar

89¢
2-LB.
BAG



GENERAL MILLS
Cheerios
Cereal

2/395
13.7 TO 15-
OZ. BOX

ASSORTED VARIETIES



ASSORTED VARIETIES
Red Baron
Pizza

2/\$5
22 TO
24.75-OZ.
PKG.



ASSORTED FLAVORS
Prairie Farms
Ice Cream

199
SQUARE
HALF
GALLON



ASSORTED VARIETIES
Surf Ultra Liquid
Detergent

497
100-OZ. BTL.

KEEBLER
ORG., RED, FAT OR LOW SALT
Townhouse
Crackers.....

189
13 TO 16-OZ.
BOX

Betty Crocker
Potato Buds.....

99¢
16-OZ.
BOX

Mario Salad
Cheerios.....

87¢
16-OZ.
JAR

ASSORTED VARIETIES
Williams & Armour
Seasoning Mixes

1/2
PRICE

ASSORTED VARIETIES
Heinz Gravy.....

99¢
16-OZ.

THIN, LONG OR MOSTACIOLI
American
Beauty Pasta....

69¢
16-OZ.
BOX

ASSORTED VARIETIES
Prego
Primore Sauce....

229
26-OZ. JAR

ORIGINAL OR FAT FREE
Eagle
Condensed Milk

189
14-OZ. CAN

ASSORTED VARIETIES
Campbell's
Creamy Soup

4/295
10-OZ.

LARGE CALIFORNIA PITTED
OR STUFFED MANZ.
Mario Olives.....

87¢
5.75 TO
8-OZ. CAN



PURE PREMIUM
Tropicana
Orange Juice....

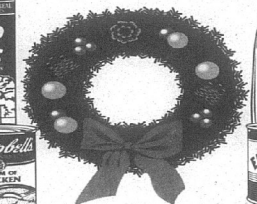
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64-OZ. CARTON

ASSORTED VARIETIES
Vlasic
Pickles.....

2/\$3
24-OZ. JAR

MARUCHAN
Ramen
Noodles.....

10/99
10-OZ. CUP



QUART OR GALLON
Ziploc Storage
or Freezer Bags...

2/\$3
16-OZ. BAG

ASSORTED VARIETIES
Flav-R-Pac
Vegetable Blends...

99¢
16-OZ. PKG.

Rhodes
White Bread.....

198
3-1/2-OZ. CUP



EDY'S
Homemade
Ice Cream.....

2/495
1/2-GAL. CUP

Merico
Bread Sticks.....

119
11-OZ. PKG.

SELECTED VARIETIES
Creamette
Pasta.....

65¢
16-OZ. PKG.

ASSORTED VARIETIES
Del Monte
Pineapples.....

2/\$1
17.3-OZ. CAN

ASSORTED VARIETIES
Del Monte
Spaghetti Sauce

79¢
26 TO 32-OZ. CAN

ASSORTED VARIETIES
Del Monte
Fruit.....

119
29 TO 32-OZ. CAN

ASSORTED VARIETIES
Del Monte
Tomatoes.....

4/\$3
14 TO 14.5-OZ. CAN

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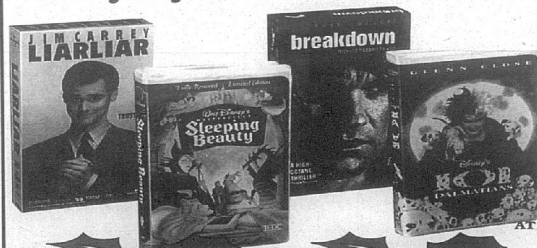
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99¢
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Titles

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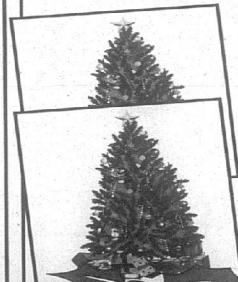


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399
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CANS

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NATURAL ICE OR
Natural Light.... **399**
12/12-OZ.
CANS

OUR LOW SALE PRICE \$6.97
Keystone..... **297**
24/12-OZ. CANS

AFTER \$4.00 OFF MAIL-IN REBATE AVAIL. IN-STORE
Heineken..... **899**
12/12-OZ. N.R. BTL.



OUR LOW SALE PRICE \$10.99
Canadian Mist

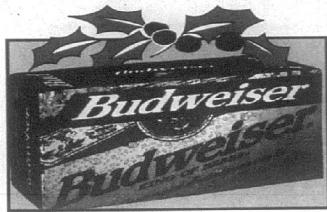
899
1.75-LTR.
BTL.

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ASSORTED VARIETIES
Paul Masson
Carafes..... **2/\$6**
1-LTR. BTL.

OUR LOW SALE PRICE \$7.99
M & R
Asti Spumante... **599**
750-ML. BTL.

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76-PROOF
Southern Comfort **799**
750-ML. BTL.



Budweiser or
Bud Light

797
18/12-OZ.
CANS

CHERRY, CONCORD OR
BLACKBERRY
Mogen David.... **2/\$5**
750-ML. BTL.

ASSORTED VARIETIES
Mr. & Mrs. T
Cocktail Mixes **2/\$4**
1-LTR. BTL.

OUR LOW SALE PRICE \$6.79
REGULAR OR WHITE
E & J Brandy..... **479**
750-ML. BTL.



SELECTED VARIETIES
Franzia Wine

599
5-LTR.
BOX

OUR LOW SALE PRICE \$13.99
AMBER OR SILVER
Bacardi Rum.... **1199**
1.75-LTR. BTL.

AFTER \$2.00 OFF MAIL-IN REBATE AVAIL. IN-STORE
BERINGER
White
Zinfandel..... **399**
750-ML. BTL.

OUR LOW SALE PRICE \$10.49
Seagram's
V.O..... **1349**
1.75-LTR. BTL.

AFTER \$3.00 OFF MAIL-IN REBATE AVAIL. IN-STORE



OUR LOW SALE PRICE \$11.97
Miller Lite

997
30/12-OZ.
CANS

AFTER \$2.00 OFF MAIL-IN REBATE AVAIL. IN-STORE
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OUR LOW SALE PRICE \$9.89
Gordon's Vodka.... **789**
1.75 LTR. BTL.

AFTER \$2.00 OFF MAIL-IN REBATE AVAIL. IN-STORE
ASSORTED VARIETIES
DeKuyper
Schnapps..... **599**
750-ML. BTL.

Cella
Lambrusco..... **2/\$6**
750-ML. BTL.



OUR LOW SALE PRICE \$9.99
Ten High

699
1.75-LTR.
BTL.

AFTER \$3.00 OFF MAIL-IN REBATE AVAIL. IN-STORE

Bailey's
Irish Cream **1489**
750-ML. BTL.

BLACK LABEL
Jack Daniels. **1199**
750-ML. BTL.

ASSORTED VARIETIES
Andre
Champagne... **2/550**
750-ML. BTL.



DRY, REGULAR OR LIGHT
Michelob

3/999
6/12-OZ.
N.R. BTL.

CABERNET SAUVIGNON,
CHARDONNAY OR
Corbett Canyon **2/\$7**
750-ML. BTL.

GOLD
Jose Cuervo **1199**
750-ML. BTL.

Crown
Royal..... **1599**
750-ML. BTL.



OUR LOW SALE PRICE \$10.99
Seagram's Gin

799
1.75-LTR.
BTL.

AFTER \$3.00 OFF MAIL-IN REBATE AVAIL. IN-STORE

Kahlua..... **1299**
750-ML. BTL.

Chivas
Regal..... **1949**
750-ML. BTL.

ASSORTED VARIETIES
St. Julian **2/\$5**
750-ML. BTL.

AFTER \$3.00 OFF MAIL-IN REBATE AVAIL. IN-STORE

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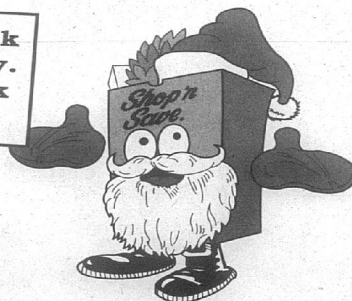
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♪ the more you save. SM

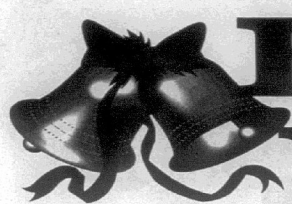


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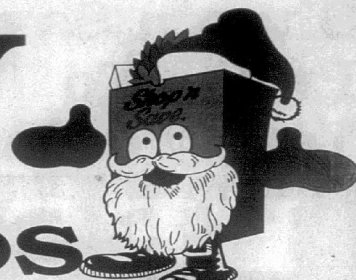
Please Drink
Responsibly.
Don't Drink
and Drive!





Holiday Values!

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REGULAR, FREE OR
DELICIOUSLY RIGHT
**Kraft Salad
Dressing**

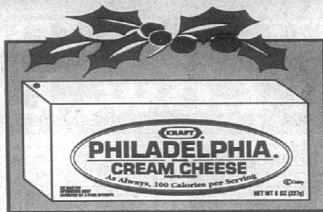
3/\$5
16-OZ.
BTL.

ASSORTED VARIETIES



REGULAR, FREE OR LIGHT
**Kraft Miracle
Whip**

157
32-OZ.
JAR



REGULAR OR LIGHT
**Kraft Philly
Cream Cheese**

89¢
8-OZ.
PKG.



ASSORTED VARIETIES
**Kraft Shredded
Cheese**

3/\$5
8-OZ.
PKG.

**Baker's Angel
Flake Coconut**

149
14-OZ. PKG.

**Post Raisin Bran
Cereal**

2/\$5
20-OZ.
BOX

**Kraft Grated
Parmesan Cheese**

289
8-OZ.
CANISTER

REGULAR OR LIGHT
**Kraft
Cheez Whiz**

299
16 TO 16.5-
OZ. JAR



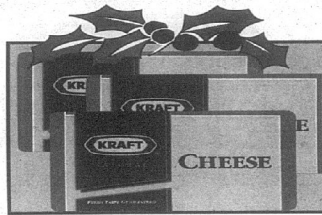
**Taco Bell
Seasoning Mix**

2/\$1
1.2 TO 1.4-
OZ. PKG.



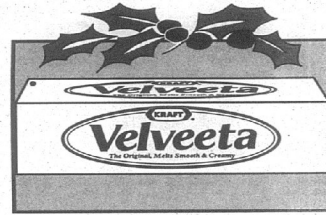
SOFT TACO, BURRITO,
TACO OR CHICKEN FAJITA
**Taco Bell
Dinner Kits**

229
9.5-OZ. BOX



ASSORTED VARIETIES
**Kraft Chunks
Cheese**

3/\$5
8-OZ. PKG.



EVERYDAY LOW SALE PRICE
**Kraft Velveeta
Cheese**

488
32-OZ.
PKG.
REGULAR OR LIGHT

**Taco Bell
Wild Salsa**

179
16-OZ.
JAR

**Taco Bell
Taco Shells**

2/\$3
12-CT.
PKG.

**Jello Snack Pack
Gelatin**

179
6 PACK
ASSORTED VARIETIES

**Jello Snack Pack
Pudding**

198
6 PACK
ASSORTED VARIETIES

1,000's of
Additional Holiday Values
In-Store!

ORIGINAL OR SUGAR FREE
**Jello
Gelatin**

3/\$1
.3 TO 3-
OZ. PKG.

ASSORTED VARIETIES

Shop'n Save Brought Low Holiday Prices To Town 18-Years Ago. This Year We Continue The Tradition!



BEST VALUE

FOR THE HOLIDAY WITH
1,000's of Low, Low Prices!

TOTAL VALUE

97¢ 7-OZ. CANS	65¢ 16-OZ. BOX	59¢ 16-OZ. CAN	359 30-OZ. BOX	4.97 38 TO 100 OZ.	2/\$5 1-LB. Pkg.	5.98 1-LB. Pkg.	99¢ 6-OZ. Pkg.
139 10-OZ. CAN	85¢ 16-OZ. BOX	299 16-OZ. CAN	299 16-OZ. CAN	4.97 16-OZ. BOX	2.19 1-LB. Pkg.	78¢ 1-LB. Pkg.	349 16-OZ. BOX
99¢ 16-OZ. CAN	79¢ 16-OZ. CAN	1.99 16-OZ. CAN	250 16-OZ. CAN	29¢ 16-OZ. CAN	2.19 1-LB. Pkg.	138 1-LB. Pkg.	249 16-OZ. BOX
3/1.89 16-OZ. CAN	1.99 16-OZ. CAN	1.99 16-OZ. CAN	399 16-OZ. CAN	4.99 16-OZ. CAN	99¢ 1-LB. Pkg.	138 1-LB. Pkg.	324 16-OZ. BOX
119 30-OZ. CAN	1.69 30-OZ. CAN	6/\$1 30-OZ. CAN	299 24-OZ. BOX	2/\$1 120-CT. Pkg.	1.99 2-Pound Package	99¢ 6-EAR Pkg.	4.64 10-COUNT PACKAGE
57¢ 10-OZ. CAN	229 16-OZ. CAN	599 16-OZ. CAN	299 16-OZ. CAN	149 16-OZ. CAN	129 16-OZ. CAN	107 16-OZ. CAN	359 16-OZ. CAN
89¢ 10-OZ. CAN	99¢ 16-OZ. CAN	345 16-OZ. CAN	499 16-OZ. CAN	799 16-OZ. CAN	169 16-OZ. CAN	2.99 16-OZ. CAN	2/\$1 16-OZ. CAN
199 16-OZ. CAN	199 16-OZ. CAN	2/\$3 16-OZ. CAN	199 16-OZ. CAN	397 16-OZ. CAN	159 16-OZ. CAN	98¢ 16-OZ. CAN	99¢ 16-OZ. CAN
79¢ 16-OZ. CAN	399 16-OZ. CAN	99¢ 16-OZ. CAN	249 16-OZ. CAN	79¢ 16-OZ. CAN	199 16-OZ. CAN	3/89 16-OZ. CAN	579 16-OZ. CAN
69¢ 6-OZ. CAN	99¢ 64-OZ. CAN	99¢ 16-OZ. CAN	99¢ 4-PACK	2/\$5 34 TO 44 CT.	99¢ 1-LB. BOLL	3/\$5 16 TO 10.5 OZ.	299 16-OZ. CAN
2/\$3 16-OZ. CAN	299 16-OZ. CAN	319 16-OZ. CAN	99¢ 16-OZ. CAN	3/\$1 16-OZ. CAN	199 16-OZ. CAN	269 16-OZ. CAN	39¢ 16-OZ. CAN
199 16-OZ. CAN	2/\$4 16-OZ. CAN	179 16-OZ. CAN	2/\$3 16-OZ. CAN	69¢ 16-OZ. CAN	2/\$4 16-OZ. CAN	299 16-OZ. CAN	39¢ 16-OZ. CAN
79¢ 16-OZ. CAN	119 16-OZ. CAN	299 16-OZ. CAN	79¢ 16-OZ. CAN	69¢ 16-OZ. CAN	169 16-OZ. CAN	3/395 16-OZ. CAN	229 16-OZ. CAN
2/\$1 16-OZ. CAN	69¢ 16-OZ. CAN	199 16-OZ. CAN	3/\$1 16-OZ. CAN	79¢ 16-OZ. CAN	2/109 16-OZ. CAN	99¢ 16-OZ. CAN	99¢ 16-OZ. CAN
99¢ 16-OZ. CAN	239 36.7-OZ. BOX	179 16-OZ. CAN	299 36-OZ. BOX	199 1-LB.	44¢ 1-LB.	99¢ 9-CT. Pkg.	699 12-ROLL PACKAGE
88¢ 16-OZ. CAN	169 16-OZ. CAN	599 16-OZ. CAN	2/\$1 16-OZ. CAN	2/\$3 16-OZ. CAN	2/295 16-OZ. CAN	99¢ 16-OZ. CAN	2/\$3 16-OZ. CAN
299 16-OZ. CAN	25¢ 16-OZ. CAN	99¢ 16-OZ. CAN	3/\$1 16-OZ. CAN	2/384 16-OZ. CAN	2/149 16-OZ. CAN	298 16-OZ. CAN	3/\$1 16-OZ. CAN
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59¢ 16-OZ. CAN	35¢ 16-OZ. CAN	199 16-OZ. CAN	197 16-OZ. CAN	179 16-OZ. CAN	99¢ 16-OZ. CAN	299 16-OZ. CAN	33¢ 16-OZ. CAN

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Save \$68⁵⁹ or 26% at Shop'n Save!

**THESE ARE
SHOP 'N SAVE'S
Everyday
Low Prices!**

ON THESE IDENTICAL ITEMS

BUY ALL THESE ITEMS AND PAY:

**\$194.25
AT SHOP 'N SAVE**

**\$262.84
AT SCHNUCKS**

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★ YOU SAVE \$68.59 OR 26% AT SHOP 'N SAVE ★

COMPARE & SAVE!	Shop 'n Save	Schnucks	You Save At Shop 'n Save
ORIGINAL Bugles Snacks.....6-oz.	1.39	1.99	.60
MINIATURE Kraft Marshmallows.....16-oz.	1.29	1.79	.50
STARLIGHT MINTS Brach's Pic-A-Mix Candy.....1lb.	1.77	2.29	.52
CREAM OF CHICKEN Campbell's Soup.....28-oz.	1.19	1.69	.50
ONION SOUP Campbell's Soup Mix.....2.6-oz.	.79	1.19	.40
SHOP 'N SAVE/SCHNUCKS Chunk Light Tuna In Water.....6-oz.	.59	.85	.26
WITH BEANS Armour Chili.....15-oz.	.79	.99	.20
ORIGINAL Del Monte Sloppy Joe Mix.....15-oz.	.99	1.29	.30
Hunt's Manwich Sauce.....15.5-oz.	.99	1.59	.60
DINTY MOORE Beef Stew.....40-oz.	2.99	3.89	.90
FRANCO-AMERICAN SpaghettiO's.....14.75-oz.	.59	.89	.30
LONG SPAGHETTI Creamette Pasta.....16-oz.	.65	1.19	.54
WITH MUSHROOMS Ragu Spaghetti Sauce.....27.75-oz.	1.79	2.39	.60
STIR FRY Rice A Roni.....2.3-oz.	.99	1.29	.30
PLASTIC BOTTLE Mott's Natural Apple Juice.....64-oz.	1.99	2.69	.70
Sunsweet Prune Juice.....32-oz.	.99	1.79	.80
CHERRY CapriSun.....10-pack	2.00	2.69	.69
FRUIT DRINK Hawaiian Punch.....64-oz.	.99	1.99	1.00
Muselman's Apple Sauce.....15.5-oz.	.39	.65	.26
OCEAN SPRAY, JELLIED Cranberry Sauce.....16-oz.	.89	1.15	.26
CANNED Sunsweet Pitted Prunes.....24-oz.	2.99	3.99	1.00
DAWN FRESH Mushroom Sauce.....6-oz.	.25	.55	.30
INSTANT MASHED Hungry Jack Potatoes.....26.7-oz.	2.39	2.99	.60
APPLE CINNAMON Quaker Mini Rice Cakes.....4-oz.	1.50	1.99	.49
81 PACK La Choy Chow Mein.....42-oz.	1.99	2.89	.90
25-SQUARE FEET Reynolds Aluminum Foil.....pkg.	.87	1.09	.22
MILK CHOCOLATE Carnation Cocoa Mix.....10-ct.	.99	2.19	1.20
CHOPPED BEEF Alpo Canned Dog Food.....13.2-oz.	.50	.65	.15
LARGE Milkbone Dog Biscuits.....4-lb.	2.99	4.19	1.20
THROWN STUFFED MANZANILLA Mario Olives.....21-oz.	3.99	4.99	1.00
SWEET Heifetz Gherkins.....16-oz.	1.99	2.79	.80
BREAD AND BUTTER Heifetz Pickle Slices.....32-oz.	1.99	2.99	1.00
WHITE Heinz Vinegar.....32-oz.	.99	1.29	.30
ITALIAN Wishbone Salad Dressing.....16-oz.	1.99	2.69	.70
FAT FREE Spin Blend Salad Dressing.....32-oz.	1.67	2.19	.52
ASSORTED VARIETIES Kraft Barbecue Sauce.....16-oz.	.99	1.59	.60
SQUEEZE BOTTLE Heinz Ketchup.....64-oz.	2.99	4.59	1.60
COUNTRY KITCHEN Log Cabin Syrup.....24-oz.	1.99	2.69	.70
Peter Pan Peanut Butter.....18-oz.	1.68	2.49	.81
General Mills Cheerios.....20-oz.	3.59	4.49	.90
General Mills Kix.....13-oz.	2.99	3.89	.90
General Mills Lucky Charms.....14-oz.	2.99	3.79	.80
Clabber Girl Baking Powder.....10-oz.	.99	1.29	.30
PURE Crisco Vegetable Oil.....48-oz.	2.39	3.49	1.10
ALL PURPOSE Gold Medal Flour.....5-lb.	1.39	1.79	.40
Jiffy Baking Mix.....40-oz.	.99	1.69	.70
MARTHA WHITE Corn Muffin Mix.....7.5-oz.	.30	.39	.09
ASSORTED VARIETIES Del Monte Fruit Cups.....4-pk.	1.50	1.99	.49
INSTANT Dream Whip Topping Mix.....5.2-oz.	1.99	2.89	.90
Crystal Powdered Sugar.....2-lb.	.79	1.19	.40
REGULAR OR IODIZED Morton Salt.....20-oz.	.25	.45	.20
PURE RAIN Lever 2000 Soap.....10-oz.	1.50	2.09	.59
Ultra Joy Dish Detergent.....14-oz.	.99	1.59	.60
AUTOMATIC Cascade Dish Detergent.....65-oz.	2.99	3.49	.50
42-USE Ultra All Detergent.....110-oz.	3.99	5.69	1.70
WITH BLEACH, LIQUID Wisk Ultra Detergent.....100-oz.	4.97	6.99	2.02
STEEL WOOL S.O.S. Scouring Pads.....4-ct.	.49	.79	.30
Comet Cleanser.....14-oz.	.29	.69	.40
DRYER SHEETS Purex Toss'n Soft.....20-ct.	.99	1.29	.30
REGULAR Clorox Bleach.....gallon	1.07	1.49	.42
Rid-X.....16-oz.	3.99	5.59	1.60
TALL Hefty Kitchen Bags.....100-ct.	3.99	5.79	1.80
Dow Saran Wrap.....100-ft.	2.19	2.99	.80
ULTRA BIG SQUEEZE Charmin Bath Tissue.....9-roll pkg.	3.97	5.49	1.52
Gerber Fruit Juice.....4-oz.	.39	.49	.10
Pet 99 Skim Milk.....13-oz.	.69	.99	.30
SHOP 'N SAVE/SCHNUCKS White Bread.....18-oz.	.59	.99	.40
HONEY MAID Nabisco Graham Crackers.....32-oz.	3.99	4.69	.70
Oreo Cookies.....20-oz.	2.99	3.59	.60
MEDIUM Guy's Salsa Dip.....18-oz.	2.00	2.79	.79
GRATED Kraft Parmesan Cheese.....8-oz.	2.89	3.89	1.00
CINNAMON Pillsbury Rolls.....11.5-ct.	1.39	1.88	.49
ALL READY Pillsbury Pie Crusts.....15-oz.	1.69	2.19	.50
Blue Bonnet Quarters.....1-lb.	.57	.89	.32
STRAWBERRY Prairie Farms Yogurt.....6-oz.	.55	.75	.20
SHOP 'N SAVE/SCHNUCKS Butter.....6-lb.	1.99	2.59	.60
VANILLA Old Fashion Sundae Cones.....6-pk.	2.50	3.19	.69
BLUEBERRY Eggo Waffles.....11-oz.	1.50	1.99	.49
ON THE COB Green Giant Nibblers Corn.....6-eat	.99	1.50	.51
CRINKLE CUT Ore-Ida French Fries.....32-oz.	1.99	2.69	.70
BEEF & CHEESE Tina Burritos.....5-oz.	.33	.50	.17
BY JENOS Totino's Pizza Rolls.....18-oz.	2.99	3.99	1.00
APPLE Mrs. Smith's Pie.....37-oz.	3.99	4.99	1.00
SAUSAGE Tony's Pizza for One.....7.2-oz.	1.99	2.49	.50
CRUNCHY Gorton's Fish Sticks.....19-oz.	3.99	4.99	1.00
SLICED Farmland Bacon.....1-lb.	2.59	2.99	.40
ALL MEAT Hunter Wieners.....12-oz.	.89	1.19	.30
REGULAR Eckrich Jumbo Franks.....1-lb.	1.99	2.99	1.00
DARK Crystal Brown Sugar.....2-lb.	.79	1.19	.40
SLICED Hunter Bologna.....1-lb.	1.39	1.89	.50
BONELESS, SKINLESS Chicken Breast.....3-lb. bag	7.99	8.97	.98
BROWN 'N SERVE Swift Sausage Links.....7-oz.	1.29	1.59	.30
BONELESS Tyson Chicken Chunks.....10.5-oz.	2.99	3.39	.40
Louis Rich Ground Turkey.....1-lb.	1.39	1.79	.40
BONELESS Chuck Roast.....1-lb.	2.49	2.89	.40
FRESH Purdue Ground Turkey.....1-lb.	1.99	2.49	.50
FRESH Rotisserie Chicken.....6-oz.	3.99	4.29	.30
DELI Boiled Shaved Ham.....1-lb.	3.99	5.79	1.80
Bananas.....1-lb.	.58	.69	.11
Bean Sprouts.....1-lb.	.68	.89	.21
REGULAR Carrots.....1-lb. bag	.58	.69	.11
Green Cabbage.....1-lb.	.38	.50	.12
Mr. Coffee Coffee Filters.....100-ct.	1.19	2.29	1.10
ALKALINE Duracell "AA" Batteries.....2-pack	1.89	2.79	.90
REGULAR White Rain Shampoo.....15-oz.	.95	1.29	.34
SENSITIVE Skintimate Shave Gel.....7-oz.	2.28	2.99	.71
CHERRY FLAVOR Luden's Cough Drops.....14-ct.	.59	.79	.20
Windshield Washer Fluid.....gallon	.99	1.99	1.00

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MICKELBERRY,
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**Whole
Boneless
Ham**

147
lb.

LIMIT 1 BONELESS HAM, ANY VARIETY, WITH \$25.00 ADDITIONAL PURCHASE EXCLUDING HAM, 24-PACK SODA, LIQUOR AND TOBACCO

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**Whole
Boneless
Ham**

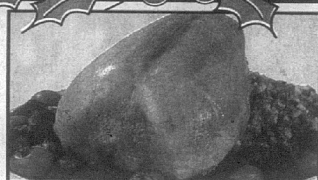
97¢
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6 TO 8-LB. AVG.
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USDA CHOICE CORN FED BEEF
**Boneless Sirloin
Tip Roast**

197
lb.



FROZEN
**Golden Delight
Turkey Breast**

117
lb.



YOUNG GRADE "A"
**Riverside
Turkeys**

59¢
lb.



**Cook's Super Trim
Whole Bone-In
Ham**

97¢
lb.

CENTER CUT
**Boneless Pork
Loin Roast.....**

279
LB.

HUDSON ALL NATURAL
**Skinless Split
Chicken Breast...**

159
LB.

WHOLE
**Boneless Pork
Tenderloin.....**

299
LB.

4 TO 5-LB. AVERAGE
**Shop 'n Save
Pork Sausage.....**

169
1-LB. ROLL

BONELESS
**Center Cut
Pork Chops.....**

299
LB.

WAFER THIN
**Buddig
Sliced Meats....**

39¢
3.5-OZ. ASSORT. PKG.

LIMIT 1
10 TO 20-LB. AVERAGE
HILLSHIRE
**Little Cocktail
Smokies.....**

2/\$5
1-LB. PKG.

COOKED
**Singleton
Cocktail Shrimp..**

599
12-OZ. PKG.

TENDERBIRD FROZEN
**Chicken
Drummettes....**

379
3-LB. PKG.

20 TO 22-LB. AVERAGE
LIMIT 1 WITH \$25.00 ADDITIONAL PURCHASE
OSCAR MAYER
**Pork
Sausage Links...**

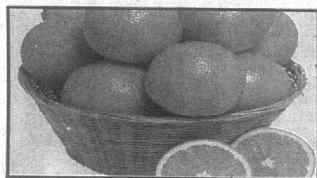
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CHOPPED HAM, TURKEY
OR HAM & CHEESE
**Oscar Mayer
Lunchmeats.....**

2/\$4
1-LB. PKG.

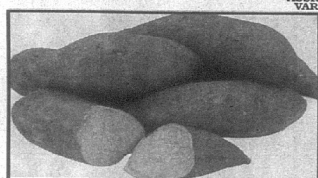
**Louis Rich
Ground Turkey**

99¢
1-LB. PKG.



California
Navel Oranges

288
8-LB. BAG



U.S. #1
Yams

45¢
lb.



**Dole Classic
Salad Blend**

88¢
1 LB. BAG

WASHINGTON STATE
**Red Delicious
Apples.....**

388
8-LB. BAG

WASHINGTON STATE
**Red or Gold
Delicious Apples..**

78¢
113-COUNT

**Florida
Tangerines....**

6/98
120-COUNT

**Florida Red
Grapefruit....**

5/98

U.S. #1
**Russet
Potatoes.....**

199
10-LB. BAG

**Fresh 1 Peeled
Baby Carrots.....**

188
2-LB. PKG.

**Medium
Yellow Onions..**

88¢
3-LB. BAG

36-COUNT
**California
Crisp Celery.....**

78¢
STALK

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IN-STORE MADE
Fruit Baskets... 698

FOTTED
6" Poinsettia... 548

MAN'S
Vegetable Party Trays 1188

CHOPPED OR FITTED
Cup Dates... 168

DIAMOND IN-SHELL, BULK
Mixed Nuts or Walnuts 188

BIRD'S EYE
Vegetable Dips... 198



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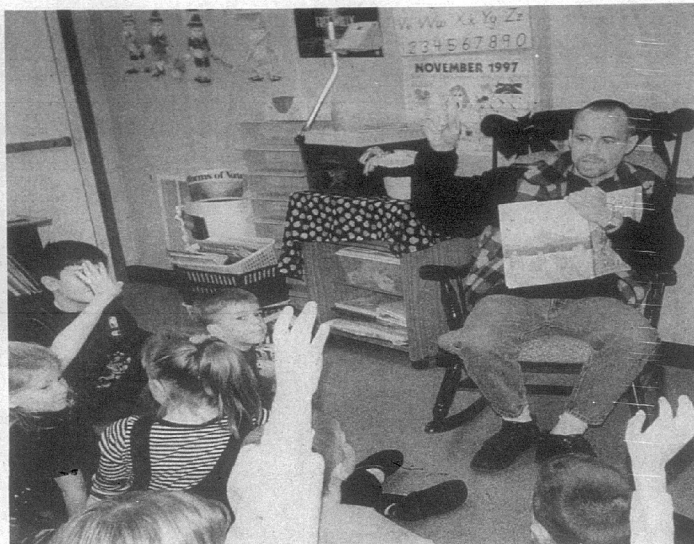
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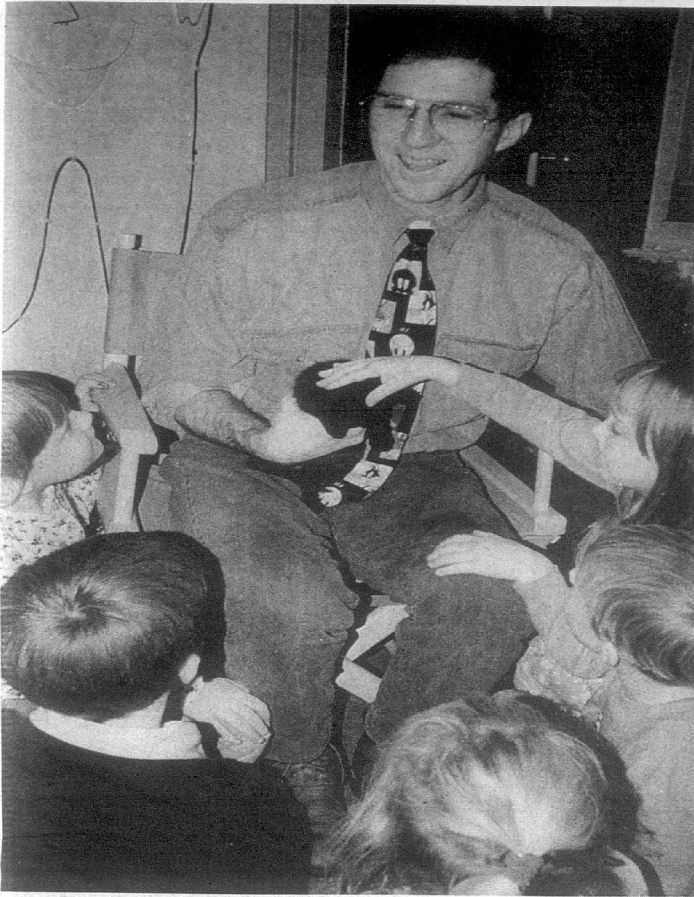
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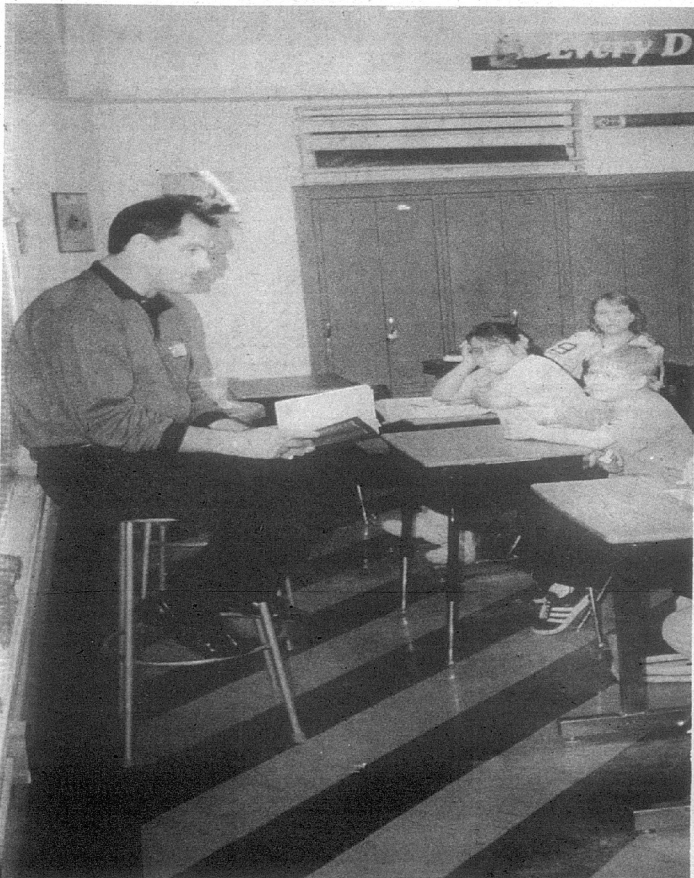
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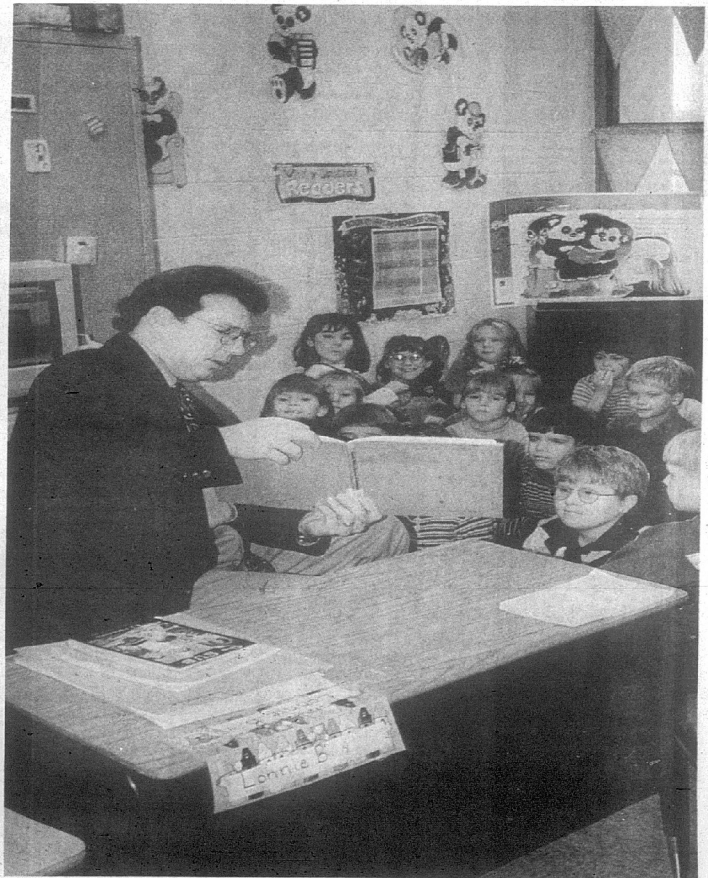
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NEWS

Rudolph's relatives abound at village

By Scott Hickey
Staff writer

During one magical night each year, the Man in Red rides his reindeer-driven sleigh around the world, making good on his promises to the nice and naughty.

But is it possible for someone to fly, albeit without the aid of reindeer, to Santa's Village?

It is possible, says Beverly Ritzel-Light, manager of Custom Travel Service, Inc., 9800 Watson Road in Crestwood. "I can put you on a first-class flight leaving from St. Louis on Dec. 23 that will land in Helsinki, Finland on Christmas Eve," she said. "From there, you will take a 500-mile train ride to Povanemi, in Lapland, six miles south of the Arctic Circle."

From Povanemi, the holiday traveler will ride in a reindeer-driven sleigh, snuggled under a fur blanket to Santa's Village, located on the Arctic Circle, Ritzel-Light said.

While at Santa's Village on their yuletide expedition, travelers can appreciate the rugged landscape, known as Europe's last wilderness, surrounding Santa's Village. They can also watch the 300,000 reindeer that freely roam the land, Ritzel-Light said.

Lapland is also known as the "Land of the Midnight Sun," Ritzel-Light said.

"Each year, the whole area experiences 60 days of total daylight starting in mid-May," she said. "In mid-November, 50 days of total twilight begins. Also in the winter, the Aurora Borealis, the Northern Lights, can be seen shimmering and dancing in the pollution-free air."

No one goes hungry at Santa's Village with the Finnish smorgasbord, called voelpapova, meaning the bread and butter table. Specialties of the

smorgasbord include cloudberries, herring and other fish, Ritzel-Light said.

To work off those holiday pounds, a number of activities are available to keep everyone busy, she said.

"There are reindeer sleigh rides, snowmobiling and fishing safaris," Ritzel-Light said. "Before you leave Santa's Village, you should treat yourself to a sauna."

In the sauna, steam rises from water thrown on red-hot

stones. The bathers then gently beat their bodies with small switches of birch leaves, she said.

"The beating increases the cleansing effect of sweating," Ritzel-Light said. "Then you cool off rapidly by taking a cold shower or jumping into a lake or a snow bank."

A 10-day trip from St. Louis to Santa's Village for one person, including air fare and accommodations, will cost about \$4,000, Ritzel-Light said.

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Stations assist 'Haven'

By Harry Colbert Jr.
Staff writer

Charity begins at home.

Or, at least at the home of classic rock of the 70's, 80's and 90's. Radio station KSD-FM (93.7), along with sister stations KYKY-FM (98.1), KEEZ-FM (102.5) and PANS-AM (590) have teamed together to raise money for Our Little Haven.

Our Little Haven is a residential care facility for drug-exposed, HIV-infected or affected, abused and neglected children ages birth through five. The shelter is in the Central West End.

KSD-FM broadcasted live last week from Dick Clark's American Bandstand Restaurant in Northwest Plaza. An on-air auction raised more than \$25,000 for the facility.

The fund-raisers for Our Little Haven will continue until Christmas Day. The goal for the stations, who are all part of the American Radio Systems, is \$250,000.

Steve Brill, director of operations for KSD-FM, said Our Little Haven was chosen as the this year's charity organization because of the shelter's cause and size.

"One reason we chose them is because they were small enough of an organization that if we achieve our goal, the money would go a very long way," Brill said.

This is the second year the radio stations have come together to raise money during the holiday season. Last year, \$150,000 was raised for the Bob Costas wing of the St. Louis Cardinal Glenn Children's Hospital.

Scott Hummel, executive director of Our Little Haven, said he is thrilled that Our Little Haven was selected by the American Radio Systems as this year's charity.

"They were looking for a charity and we were lucky enough to have been selected," Hummel said.

Hummel said his wife, Kathleen, founded the shelter after working with older abused and neglected children and deciding that a lot of their problems could be better treated during the formative years.

During KSD's broadcast from Northwest Plaza, several rock and roll items went up for auction including a Fender guitar autographed by members of classic rock bands Kansas, Night Ranger and REO Speedwagon, and a drum head set signed by members of Van Halen.

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Children's charities receive Variety Club funds

Local children's charities are able to help more, thanks to recent donations by the St. Louis Variety Club.

Variety Club allocated funds to 149 children's agencies at the group's annual allocations luncheon Dec. 2.

The Variety Club is a non-profit organization that helps provide a better quality of life for thousands of disabled and disadvantaged children in the greater St. Louis area.

Founded in St. Louis in 1968, the Variety Club over the past three decades has raised more than \$47 million through its annual telethon. The 1998 telethon is scheduled for March 6 and 7.

The following agencies

received Variety Club funding: Alton Day Care, \$4,100; Archdiocesan Department Special Education, \$16,900; Association Midwest Disadvantaged Youth, \$6,200; Asthma and Allergy Foundation, \$6,200; B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, \$2,000; BeDeL Resource Center, \$3,000; Belle Center Inc., \$4,900; Big Brothers-Big Sisters SW Illinois, \$2,000; Birthright Counseling, St. Louis, \$2,000; Bishop Healy School, \$6,400; Boys and Girls Club of Alton, \$3,200; Boys and Girls Club of St. Charles, \$10,900; Boys and Girls Town of Missouri, \$2,500; Boys Club of St. Louis, \$10,500; Boys Hope/Girls Hope of St. Louis, \$3,850; Boy Scouts of America, St. Louis, \$1,000; Boy Scouts-O'kaw Valley Council, \$2,000; Camp Happy Day, \$6,200; Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, \$35,000; Catholic Charities Housing Resource Center, \$2,100; Catholic Children's Home, \$3,200; Catholic Family Services, \$2,000; Cath-

edral Mission Society, \$5,300; Catholic Services/Children and Youth, \$3,000; Central Institute for the Deaf, \$10,500; Cerebral Palsy of SW Illinois, \$5,300; Child Center of Our Lady, \$20,000; Childhaven, \$5,300; Children's Center/Behavioral Development, \$3,000; Children's Home Society, Missouri, \$10,000; Cooperative Congregational Outreach, \$5,800; Coordinated Youth and Human Services, \$2,000; Cornerstone Center/Early Learning, \$3,000; Crider Center/Mental Health, \$2,500; CTMC/Cochran Community Center, \$7,000; Delta Gamma Center, \$6,000; Dev. Services Jefferson County, \$7,500; Downtown Children's Center, \$3,400; Early Child Care Development, \$4,200; ECHO/St. Louis Christian Home, \$8,400; Edgewood Children's Center, van; Euclid Academy, \$10,900; Family Resource Center, van; Family Support Services, 2,000; Father Dunne's Newsboys Home,

\$3,000; Friedens Haus Community Coalition, \$2,000; George Washington Carver House, \$3,200; Girl Scout Council — St. Louis, \$1,000; Girls Inc. of St. Louis, \$3,400; Good Samaritan Center, \$5,400; Good Shepherd School for Children, \$6,600; Grace Hill Neighborhood Services, \$10,700; Guardian Angel Settlement, \$6,200; Herbert Hoover Boys and Girls Club, \$16,900; Hilltop Day Care Center, \$6,200; Holy Angels Summer Program, \$6,600; Hosea House Inc., \$7,500; Howard Park Early Intervention Center, \$4,000; Human Support Services, \$5,400; Illinois Center for Autism, \$6,200; Jamestown New Horizons, \$4,900; Jefferson County ARC, \$2,000; JCCA-Camp Programs, \$9,000; JCCA-Susan Jacobs Day Care, \$22,000; Jewish Family and Children Services, \$10,500; Judevine Center for Autism, \$7,300; Kids in the Middle Inc., \$2,000; Kingdom House, \$4,100; Learning Tree Inc., \$8,700; Lemay Day Care Center, \$7,500; Life Skills Foundation,

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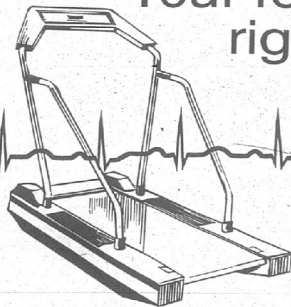
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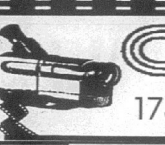
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AN OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS to be enjoyed in this charming 2 story brick home, winding staircase, fireplace, 1 1/2 baths, 2 car garage, home warranty. GR635

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 E-mail: cvmrta@aol.com

"PEACE" OF MIND with the extra income - live in this 3 room brick with detached garage plus mobile home that can be rented on 88 x 128 lot. Sold as is - GR657

PREPARE THE CHRISTMAS GOODIES in the large kitchen of this 3 BR in Madison area, large lot - priced to sell. GR675

GIVE US A JINGLE about this bargain priced home in Madison - new carpet and updates throughout - priced in 100's. GR675

THE TRADITIONS OF YESTER-YEAR - Lovely 1 1/2 story is waiting for you - fireplace, updated furnace, full basement. GR623

A CHRISTMAS BARGAIN - 6 room home with fenced backyard - sold as is for \$21,000. GR623

ONE OF LIFE'S FINEST GIFTS - Lovely 2 story home across from Wilson Park - 3 BR, 2 baths, formal dining room, full basement. GR623

ENTERTAIN YOUR HOLIDAY GUESTS in this lovely home. 3 BR, 2 1/2 baths, formal dining room, full basement. GR623

CHRISTMAS MAGIC - Build your new home on one of the building lots we now have available. GR623

LIGHT UP YOUR LIFE in this lovely 3 BR home with Waterbury Homes Magazine Home Page: <http://members.aol.com/cvmrta/home.htm>

FEATURED HOME
 5709 OLD ALTON ROAD
 CHRISTMAS SHOPPING! Stop by & see this lovely 3BR home!

27 Acres North of Greenville Barn, Well, Electric, \$75,000 MUST SELL. Make Offer.

Shank Real Estate Greenville, IL
 864-2366/0454

2530 OFFICE SPACE
 IDEAL for insurance or other professional situation, 2000sqft, 451 sqft.

OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT
 PRIME LOCATION
 1507 Johnson Road
 1000 sq ft. New Remodeled
 4000 Mon. All Utilities Inc.
 Call for details. 931-8829

NEW OFFICE SPACE in the heart of the city. 1000 sq ft. High traffic location. Starts at \$500. 575-345-7878

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2510 FARMS/ARLAND FOR SALE
 Rural Acres And Farms For Sale
 Bond County Area
 118 Acres With Lake, Sheds, 3 Bdrn. Fenced \$230,000

2601 APARTMENTS/FLATS FOR RENT
 FURNISHED EFFICIENCY
 1200 sq ft. 1/2 bath, 1 kitchen, 1 living room, 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom, 1 terrace, 1 parking space. \$450.00

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2650 DUPLEXES FOR RENT
 GRANITE CITY 2 bedroom duplex, full basement, water, sewer, gas, electric, central air, 1st floor, 2nd floor, 3rd floor, 4th floor, 5th floor, 6th floor, 7th floor, 8th floor, 9th floor, 10th floor, 11th floor, 12th floor, 13th floor, 14th floor, 15th floor, 16th floor, 17th floor, 18th floor, 19th floor, 20th floor, 21st floor, 22nd floor, 23rd floor, 24th floor, 25th floor, 26th floor, 27th floor, 28th floor, 29th floor, 30th floor, 31st floor, 32nd floor, 33rd floor, 34th floor, 35th floor, 36th floor, 37th floor, 38th floor, 39th floor, 40th floor, 41st floor, 42nd floor, 43rd floor, 44th floor, 45th floor, 46th floor, 47th floor, 48th floor, 49th floor, 50th floor, 51st floor, 52nd floor, 53rd floor, 54th floor, 55th floor, 56th floor, 57th floor, 58th floor, 59th floor, 60th floor, 61st floor, 62nd floor, 63rd floor, 64th floor, 65th floor, 66th floor, 67th floor, 68th floor, 69th floor, 70th floor, 71st floor, 72nd floor, 73rd floor, 74th floor, 75th floor, 76th floor, 77th 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